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BITING his tongue Sgt. Charles H. Wolverton of the 37th Division begins to pitch a grenade at a Jap pillbox he has located. The American Infantry Division and the XIV Army Corps, with the 37th, beat back the Japs during the March battle on Bougainville. —Signal Corps Photo.

Air Fleets Pound Europe In Greatest Aerial Offensive

WASHINGTON—Great Invasion fleets of Allied bombers from British and Mediterranean bases have been pounding Europe for the past three weeks in the greatest sustained attacks in history.

Aircraft plants, airfields and coastal installations have been hammered as the AAF and RAF planes have flown almost at will over German-occupied Europe, Austria, for the first time, has been hit.

Many false reports of D-Day have been started by war-hardened Britishers, who though accustomed to great air fleets, were bewildered

by the cloud-like formations that flew back and forth across the Channel.

Hit Railroads

A new feature has been revealed in the air attacks in that scores of them have been aimed at important railroad points, with the effect that the railroads in Northern France and Belgium have been paralyzed.

Lacking in equipment and manpower, and with hundreds of locomotives sent to the Russian front, they were in bad condition previously. But are worse off after the bombings of the past fortnight. The strategic Allied intent in this is obvious—to make it impossible for the Axis to shift troops and supplies by rail when the invasion begins.

The Russians have been following similar tactics on the line near the German tactical center at Luow, where Soviet planes have been busy smashing up troop trains and destroying rail communication lines.

Sevastopol

The situation at Sevastopol has been comparatively quiet during the week. The Red Army has been satisfied to follow a policy of attrition, knowing that the Axis forces in that section are in their hands.

Burma

In Burma the situation, from the Allied standpoint, grows steadily encouraging. While the three Jap spearhead in the Imphal area are still on the offensive their morale is said to be sagging seriously as a result of enormous losses. The introduction of heavier fire power and even limited air power by the Allies has definitely turned the tide.

The Allies are obviously waiting for the monsoon weather, due in 10 days, to make some definite new action which, local leaders say, may mean the annihilation of the Jap forces in the area.

The threat to the Japs of Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's American-Chinese steadily more serious. Stilwell's

force in the Mogaung valley grows troops have advanced to within 40 miles of Mogaung, the Jap center and strategic point on the Mandalay-Mytikyna railroad, solidifying their positions as they have gone forward.

Central China

The Japanese offensive in Central China has developed in such a way that it looms as the beginning of a new attempt to knock China out of the war. Chenghsien, at the junction of the Peiping-Hankow and Lunghai railroad, came into their hands during the week. Following this they forced their way beyond the strategic Hulao Pass, the gate- (See "AIR FLEETS" Page 16)

Nation Mourns Death of Secy. Of Navy Knox

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American bluejackets and soldiers all over the world are mourning the death of Secretary of the Navy Col. William Franklin Knox, who died on April 28 from a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Knox had been Secretary of the Navy since July 11, 1940, when President Roosevelt, alarmed by the fall of France, appointed his two tough, fighting secretaries—Knox and Stimson.

Colonel Knox never doubted that the Allies would be victorious if they moved fast enough and armed in time. A one-time Republican vice-presidential nominee, he had opposed many of the President's domestic policies, but saw eye-to-eye with him on foreign relations and had long advocated American preparedness.

War was an old story to Knox. In 1896 he went to Cuba with Col. Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders; in 1917, to France as an artillery officer. While he regretted that he was too old to wear a World War II uniform, he made a great contribution to winning it as civilian head of the Navy.

One of the most impressive official funerals of recent years preceded burial in the Arlington Cemetery. Full military honors were accorded the Secretary; high-ranking Naval officers, led by Admiral King and Assistant Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal, were honorary pall bearers, while four sailors, two Coast Guardsmen and two Marines bore the casket.

Mr. Knox' duties will automatically be taken over by Assistant Secretary Forrestal, as Acting Secretary of the Navy.

After Weeks of Stalling

House Committee Okays GI Bill

WASHINGTON—The World War Veterans Committee, deadlocked for weeks over the American Legion GI Bill of Rights Wednesday reported an amended measure to the House and it is expected that it will be passed during the coming week.

The unemployment compensation feature of the bill stalled the measure in the House Committee. As it was favorably reported to the House the committee agreed to cut the period of unemployment benefit payments to jobless veterans from one year to 26 weeks during the two-year period following discharge.

Flat \$20 Weekly

The committee abolished the sliding scale in the Senate-adopted measure, which provided from \$15 to \$25 weekly, leaving the figure at a flat \$20 weekly. Another provision was inserted specifying that if an adjusted compensation bill (a bonus) is passed later, any payments made in connection with unemployment benefit proviso, the

amount received by the soldier would be deducted from the bonus payment.

That part of the measure which provided cash loans not to exceed \$1,000 was changed, raising the limit to \$1,500.

Under the new version, the measure provides that such loans be administered by the Veterans' Bureau. It also provides that the loans may be made by either private, State or Federal institutions, backed with a government guarantee. The Senate version originally called for loans to be made directly by the Federal Government.

Congressman John D. Rankin, committee chairman, explained that the latter changes were inserted because "we want to keep the Government out of the loan business as much as possible."

As the measure now stands veterans of 90 days service will be eligible for the cash loans. Originally, the Senate required that veterans

should have six months service to be eligible.

An entirely new amendment was put into the bill when the House provided for the training of disabled veterans. As it now stands disabled veterans are provided with artificial limbs and are to be trained in their use.

Few changes in the Senate's education bill. (See "GI BILL," Page 16)

Congressional Medals Go To Two Privates

WASHINGTON — Two infantrymen, Pfc. Floyd K. Lindstrom and Pvt. Robert D. Booker, whose "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life" earned them the Medal of Honor, were honored posthumously this week.

To the mother of Pfc. Floyd K. Lindstrom went the medal awarded her son for one of the most spectacular acts of bravery since the war began. Now listed as missing in action in Italy, Private Lindstrom had already been awarded the Silver Star.

On Armistice Day, 1943, his section was outnumbered 5 to 1 by Nazis who were centering machine gun, pistol and grenade fire on it. Private Lindstrom picked up his heavy machine gun and staggered with it to a better position, ignoring the hail of German fire. The enemy were still sheltered by a large rock, so he charged uphill at them under the steady stream of their fire, killed both gunners with his pistol, then dragged the German gun down to his own men. His action broke the spirit of the German counterattack.

Mrs. Robert D. Booker, widow of a 34th Infantry hero, received the second decoration. Wearing a Purple Heart, Private Booker met his death knocking out machine gun nests. He carried his gun and ammunition over open ground and through heavy fire. Though he did not reach his new position unscathed, he silenced one enemy machine gun and opened fire on another when he received a second—and mortal—wound.

Of him, the citation says, "His initiative and courage against insurmountable odds are an example of the highest standard of self-sacrifice and fidelity to duty."

Key Overseas Personnel May Be Granted Furloughs

WASHINGTON—A plan whereby key personnel, both officers and enlisted men, whose jobs are of a nature which makes them in a measure indispensable in overseas theaters may be granted non-emergency leaves and furloughs to visit their homes in the United States and then return to their assignment overseas, was announced by the War Department.

The War Department pointed out, however, that personnel returned for these non-emergency leaves and furloughs, while distinct from personnel returned under the rotation plan, will be included in quotas for overseas theaters under present rotation policies and will not increase the number of men returned to this country.

Return to Jobs

Personnel returned under the rotation plan are not ordered overseas again until they have performed duty in the United States. Personnel granted non-emergency leaves and furloughs will not serve in the United States, but will be returned to their overseas jobs. The task of finding suitable replacements overseas for such personnel on leave or furlough will be of only a temporary

nature, until the expiration of leave. Theater commanders in all but the Central Pacific and European theaters will be authorized to grant to key personnel non-emergency leaves and furloughs within the rotation quotas for their theaters.

The basic problems which prevent the shipment of large numbers of men to this country for rotation and for leaves and furloughs remain. Theater commanders will be instructed to regard leaves and furloughs as a privilege to be accorded men whose work has been outstanding, who have been decorated or wounded, or who for other reasons are particularly deserving.

The leaves and furloughs will be effective when the officer or soldier arrives in the United States and will terminate when he reports for shipment to his theater and to the job he held before leaving. The period of the leave or furlough will (See "FURLOUGH," Page 16)

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Army Casualties Total 153,302

WASHINGTON.—American Army casualties, as reported by the Secretary of War, through April 21, total 153,302.

The casualties are as follows:

Killed—26,575.

Wounded—62,312.

Missing—33,814.

Prisoners—30,601.

Of the prisoners 1680 are reported by the enemy to have died of disease in enemy prison camps, mostly in Japanese territory.

No Vet Apple Sellers, Somervell Promises

WASHINGTON — "No Apple-sellers" will be found on street corners after this war, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces, told the American Legion Tuesday.

The Army has a "moral" tho not a legal responsibility for seeing that its wounded are cared for after the war, General Somervell said, adding they are receiving "the best that can be provided."

Station hospitals and 63 general hospitals will "more than take care" of expected casualties.

Describing the Army's rotational plan to bring back as many men as possible after "a certain number of years" of overseas service, General Somervell said after three weeks' leave they will be sent to "reassignment centers" for two weeks. All but three days will be "recreational" at these centers, formerly mountain and seacoast resorts.

"It was the tendency in the old Army to scoff at these things, but this isn't the old Army anymore—very few of those old buzzards are left anyway," he said, without a smile.

Peak of the manpower problem has not been reached yet, he said.

"I don't know what the solution is, but something has to be done to get

people out of perfume factories, pool rooms, and bowling alleys into useful work."

Award of the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal to General H. H. Arnold, Henry Ford, and posthumously to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, to be presented at the national convention in Chicago in September, was announced.

The Legion will soon set up in Europe and Australia information centers to carry direct to fighting men latest news of what the Government is doing for them.

The Legion is going all-out to educate soldiers and sailors of World War II on their rights "as veterans," so they won't be left "floundering" when the war ends as their fathers were 25 years ago. Plans for the centers were made public for the first time by the national executive committee, now in its third and last session at the Hotel Statler.

The program is one of education, not recruitment. Jack Williams, vice chairman of the National World War II Liaison Committee, declared. It will serve two purposes: first, to inform the men of the Government benefits awaiting them—insurance, mustering out pay, and disability pensions; second, to acquaint them with the Legion.

The Body Beautiful, or—

'Chilized' Lessons in Camouflage

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — "Draft Chili Williams," demanded 100,000 GIs when her picture in LIFE magazine made this ex-Powers model the world's most popular pin-up girl. Exhibiting their proverbial resourcefulness, the U. S. Army Engineers of the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir were quick to enlist the services of "the girl I'd most like to be chill with." Ewing Krainin, prominent New York photographer, made the pictures which were immediately set to work helping the Engineers put over their mission of Camouflage training for all branches of the Army. Chili's contribution is to build morale.

Chili's attractive looks contribute only one of many educational devices being used to accomplish the mission of camouflage training at the Engineer School. Camouflage is a visual subject, and must therefore be taught in visual terms. Education experts agree that one picture (particularly one like these of Chili) teaches more than a thousand words.

A large and up-to-date collection of projection slides has been assembled by the Camouflage Section of the Engineer School. Including both color and black-and-white, it gives students an up-to-date picture of camouflage work as it is being practiced today on all the war fronts. British examples, as well as the camouflage practiced by our enemies, are fully illustrated. Chili's pretty face and figure appear on the screen unexpectedly sandwiched in between front-line views of concealed artillery positions and supply points. This practice is designed to keep students "on the ball," and with an open mind.

Chili further encourages student morale in the camouflage courses by fostering competition between the four "groups" into which each class is divided. A complete set of handsome pin-ups is awarded to the group which chalks up the highest score during each two-weeks' course. Groups are thus encouraged to "put out" during the afternoons of practical work under field conditions which constitute a large proportion of the course. The "group performance" method, and emphasis on practical experience thus go hand in hand with "visual aids" to make camouflage training at the Engineer School one of the Army's most progressive educational ventures to date.

(ARMY TIMES will print occasional "Chilized" lessons in Camouflage as illustrated by the lovely Miss Williams.)

It's Desertion!

CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—Finding an ambitious recruit digging his foxhole much deeper than necessary, a lieutenant here warned: "Anything deeper than four feet is not a foxhole; it's desertion!"

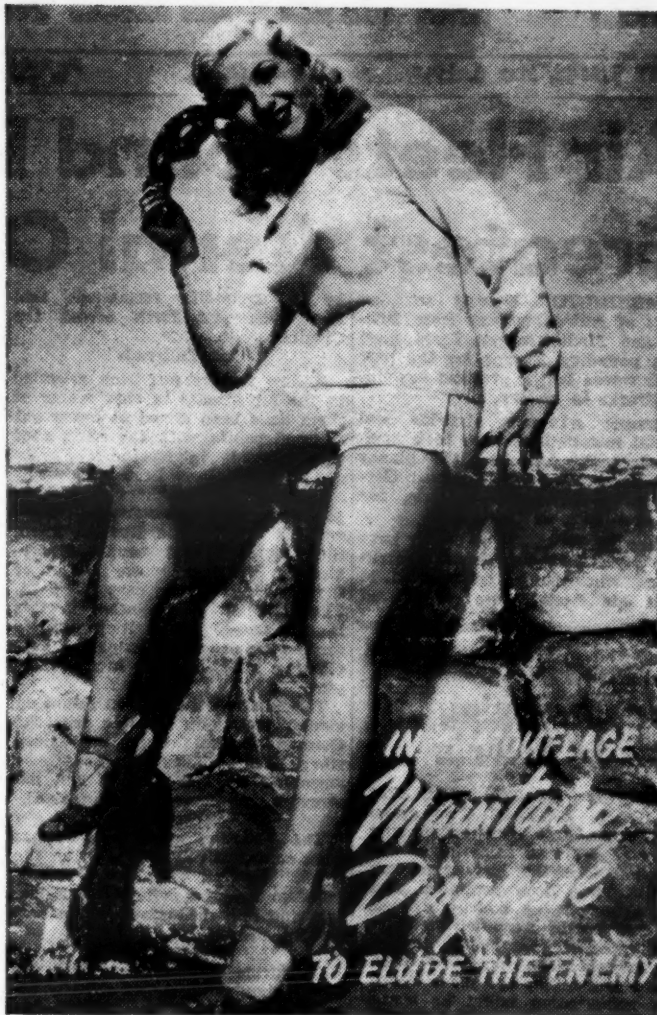


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IN CAMOUFLAGE—
Maintain Disguise to Elude the Enemy
—Ewing Krainin Photo.

From Cheers to Jeers

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—"From Cheers to Jeers in One Easy Installment" is the military history of Camp Van Dorn's 144th Infantry bugler, Pfc. George Goggans. Though he acknowledges that he is the one man Dale Carnegie can do nothing for, Private Goggans grins and rationalizes "At least it keeps my lip in shape."

That's really as important to him as a popularity trophy for, in pre-war days, he hopes, post-war days, he lent his name and trumpet to "George Goggans' Auburn Aces," a swifty little combination so successful that it played its way through Alabama Polytechnic and would still be rousing jive fans if its members hadn't received their "Greetings." Private Goggans, also a "Greetings" recipient, now rouses GIs, rather than jitterbugs, to the tune of "Reveille" rather than "One O'Clock Jump." Fortunately, his popularity is usually restored by night when "Retreat" officially terminates a day of duty.

"This job has its disadvantages," says George. "Like today, I got set

to blow 'Recall' inhaled, cut loose, and out came a squawk and a sock. Some days it's a sock, sometimes a wad of paper—I never know what to expect."

Neither do his friends. They wonder if George never gets the urge to swing out a call, if his 17 months of straight bugling won't prove too much for his unfettered musical soul. Each morning they wake up hoping to hear "Reveille" streaming out with a few hot notes of pure jive.

Former Cook Wins Legion Of Merit In Artillery

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—A former cook, who established such a record for accuracy as a gunnery corporal in Sicily that he was awarded the Legion of Merit, is S/Sgt. Don Ruff, Jr., who is at present a member of Battery B, 2nd Field Artillery here.

Ruff, who explains his success as the result of staying on off-duty hours, was promoted to sergeant and chief of a howitzer section on May, 1942. He developed the outstanding gun crew in his battery. During the Tunisian and Sicilian campaign, because of the speed and accuracy he had developed in his sector, his howitzer was used as an adjusting piece, and on night marches his section was normally designated to lead because of his excellent judgment and dependability.

Sergeant Ruff, who was in an armored artillery battalion at that time, asserts that he got more co-operation and was able to develop his section because he gave his men a free hand and always looked for suggestions from them. He says that off-duty study helped more than anything else to his record of accuracy. "You've got to be able to figure all the unknown to hit the target," he says. "The only way I could get it in my head was by studying."

Casualties Total 44 Among General Officers

WASHINGTON—Battlefront action in World War II has already disproved the old belief that high rank carries with it a correspondingly high degree of personal safety.

Since December 7, 1941, two United States general officers have been killed in action, 8 more have died as results of their military service, 9 have been wounded, 6 are still listed as missing in action, and 19 are prisoners of war in Japanese prison camps.

Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker was killed in action in the battle of Midway Island and Brig. Gen. Asa N. Duncan killed in action in the ETO. Brig. Gen. Alfred J. Lyon died from pneumonia after exposure in action in flight over German-occupied Europe, and seven other one-, two-, or three-star men were killed in line of duty when Army planes crashed.

Missing in action are the following brigadier generals: Nathan B. Forrest, Davis D. Graves, Charles L.

Keerans, Jr., Howard K. Ramey, Kenneth N. Walker, and Russell A. Wilson.

Prisoners of war in the Japanese Formosa Taiwan camp are Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright; Maj. Gen. Albert M. Jones, Edward P. King, Jr., George F. Moore, George M. Parker, Jr., William F. Sharp; Brig. Gen. Lewis C. Beebe, Clifford Blue-mel, William E. Grougher, Bradford G. Chynoweth, Charles C. Drake, Arnold J. Funk, Maxon S. Lough, Allen C. McBride, Clinton A. Pierce, Carl H. Seals, Joseph V. Vachon, James R. N. Weaver. Also held as a PW by the Japanese is Brig. Gen. Guy O. Fort.

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Wild Life in P.T.O: Insects and Japs

WITH U. S. ARMY TROOPS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—United States Army troops who have been fighting in the South Pacific have had to revise their conceptions of jungle life.

Most of them expected to find cobras hanging from every tree, man-eating beasts roaming the underbrush, and fierce alligators and

crocodiles lurking in fetid pools ready to snatch off a leg or two.

Actually, they found only insects of a reasonably congenial nature, with two exceptions: the malarious mosquitoes found on all the islands, and Bougainville's centipedes.

The centipedes crawled into foxholes during the night and victims of their bites were in for an unpleasant 24-hours of sickening pain.

Wombats, looking like a cross between a sewer rat and a large squirrel, were the only other pests found on Bougainville and they were harmless unless cornered.

The Fiji Islands abounded with mongooses and millions of toads. Both are harmless to humans. The mongooses were imported long ago to destroy snakes. Eventually they became pests in their own right, devouring crops when there were no more snakes. The toads were imported to get rid of the insects, but they multiplied so swiftly that they, too, became a problem.

When New Georgia's moon is bright, hordes of land crabs migrate from the interior to the beaches. These ungainly, many-legged creatures caused much annoyance during the battle for the Munda airfield by crawling into foxholes at night. Harmless, they are exceedingly clumsy and make as much noise as a man as they lumber through the jungle. Many troops fired on them.

Deer were found in abundance in the hills of New Caledonia, but what the interior shelters in the way of beasts or insects has not been disclosed.

To date, only a few snakes, and not very large ones, have been seen on the islands. There may be crocodiles and alligators, but troops have not met them yet.

The most deadly pest of the jungle is the Japanese soldier.

Negro Commended For Getting First Jap

BOUGAINVILLE—Pvt. James H. O'Baner received the personal congratulations of Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, Commanding General of Allied troops on Bougainville Island in the Southwest Pacific, for killing the first Japanese soldier credited to elements of the 93rd Infantry Division, the War Department announced.

The Mississippian fired the telling shot at the close-in range of 10 feet. His division is fighting alongside the veteran American Division at Bougainville.



PACIFIC ISLAND PIN-UP PIX. Sporting a hair-do she copied from an old vintage movie star still this glamor gal of a Pacific island lights up a cigarette she 'bummed' from a Medical Corps corporal. The dusky belle is very fond of American cigarettes. —AAF Photo.

Paul Bunyanish In Character

Alcan Is Highway of 'Tall' Tales

Paul Bunyanish in character, the Alaskan-Canadian Highway, more familiarly known as the Alcan Highway, running from Dawson Creek, B. C., to Fairbanks, has provided many "tall" stories—but with an important difference—the tales are true.

Built to supply the Aleutians and other points in the Pacific as an all-weather road, the 1523-mile highway, termed the greatest project in modern history, required one and one-half years to complete. Under the supervision of Brig. Gen. L. D. Worsham, Commanding General of the Northwest Service, the road was pushed through under adverse climatic conditions, and dedicated last fall.

Nature's Pranks
With nature playing her pranks and the temperature dropping to as low as 72 degrees below zero, the constructors had to cope with such unusual circumstances as rivers freezing from the bottom up. By freezing from the bottom the streams would rise and overflow to form new channels and quagmires to hinder progress. In the same areas and under the same conditions, nature reversed herself by permitting springs to run all winter to form mounds of ice across road beds to further hinder the work. At one time, flood conditions washed out a temporary bridge seven times in ten days.

At the peak of construction 7000 pieces of rolling equipment and 27,000 men and women working under 81 contractors, were employed.

The highway is open only to military travel and to civilians engaged directly in construction work in the area. The first truck to make an overland trip on this highway was driven by Cpl. Otto H. Gronke, Chicago, and Pfc. Robert Bowe, Minneapolis. Driving while the road was still under construction, the two young soldiers drove their

mud-spattered half-ton Dodge weapon carrier from Dawson Creek to Whitehorse in 71 hours. Their only mishap was a blowout.

As a result of opening up formerly inaccessible areas, mail delivery, hitherto available semi-annually by plane, is now provided daily by truck. This mail service is furnished both to the civilian population and the U. S. Army.

With the establishment of two telephone lines in this area, one 2026 miles long and the other 2600 miles, connecting the Canol oil Project, officials in Washington can talk directly with men in the field. The establishment of these two lines was comparable in hardship

to the highway project, as the men had the same climatic conditions with which to cope. Poles used to string the telephone wires had to be first heated over fires before the bark could be removed. The ground before it could be blasted with dynamite for post holes had to be thawed by steam equipment.

Since the opening of the highway, a bus line, said to be the farthest north through bus service, has been opened to Fairbanks. This line, 1532 miles long, is one of the longest on the North American Continent. Each bus requires two drivers on the 44-hour trip that provides transportation for troops and civilians engaged in construction work.

Post-War Challenge to Churches

WASHINGTON—The religious experiences of American fighting men will be a postwar challenge to organized churches, it was declared by Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph T. Walker, a former 34th Infantry Division chaplain who returned to the United States recently from Italy.

Chaplain Walker, whose fighting congregation took part in the battles of Kasserine, Hill 609 and Cassino, believes that the churches must be prepared to give these men the kind of religion they want.

"Battle, and the crises through which these men pass," he said, "strip religion of all nonessentials.

It leaves only the basic, eternal truths of man's relations to his God, and God's relation to His people.

"Many of our men have come face to face with God for the first time. They feel deeply the need for spiritual instruction. That need will persist even after the crises which precipitated them have passed, for they will not let it die. They want the kind of religion that will refresh them, that will sustain them in their daily lives and their daily duties, just as it is sustaining them today in the gunpits and foxholes."



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The units are not like the "Mexican Army" of old, however. The men who hold the ratings are of particularly high calibre, with every man boasting an Army intelligence rating 11 points over the minimum requirement for officer candidates. The men average one year's college training, with two holding M. A. degrees, one showing a career as a high school principal and two being ex-lawyers.

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The GI Bill of Rights

Last week in this column we congratulated Senator Bennett Clark for his stand on the GI Bill of Rights, and said:

"Now then, let's get the GI Bill of Rights out of committee and on the floor of the House without further delay. There won't be 10 votes against it."

The bill was reported out Wednesday and should be passed by the House within a week. Then we'll know if our prediction that there won't be 10 votes against it is correct.

The House committee's major change was on the unemployment compensation feature, which was reduced 50 per cent from the maximum approved unanimously by the Senate.

We don't think this change was called for, we don't think the House will favor it, and we're sure Senator Clark won't change his position when the bill goes to conference after it is passed by the House.

Next week we hope to be able to congratulate the American Legion and the other veterans' organizations for their grand job of drafting such an excellent bill—that merits the support of everyone and for seeing it through Congress. Swell stuff!

Ernie Loses \$100 Bet; Wins Pulitzer Prize

WASHINGTON — To Ernie Pyle, Scripps-Howard columnist and friend of every Yank, went the 1943 Pulitzer Prize for distinguished correspondence. This award is based upon "clearness and terseness of style, preference being given to fair, judicious, well-balanced and well-informed interpretative writing, which shall make clear the significance of the subject covered in the correspondence or which shall promote international understanding."

Lost His Bet

The prize itself, \$500, will net Ernie only \$400. He was so sure he wouldn't be the correspondent to receive the coveted award that he made a \$100 bet with a friend—and lost.

But if anybody earned a Pulitzer prize, it is Ernie Pyle. He risked his life time after time, suffered deprivations and indignities along with the soldiers he was writing about, to turn out so intuitive and faithful a report on the life, and death of the men who are winning this war that he has no rival.

Pyle, now in England to follow the invasion of Fortress Europe, has been accoladed by one soldier: "You ask if I've heard of Ernie Pyle. I wonder what man that fought either in Africa or Italy doesn't think he is the best thing in this war." This soldier was remembering Ernie's columns, "The Captain died," the tale of the "Thunderbird," of his description of a blacked-out truck convoy going over mountain roads. Or perhaps he recalled one of Ernie's many short anecdotes of soldier life.

Prize to N. Y. Times

Eight more prizes were awarded

in journalism, five in letters, and one in music by the Pulitzer board of trustees. To the "New York Times" for its survey on the teaching of American history in the schools went the award for "disinterested and meritorious public service rendered by an American newspaper."

To Dewey L. Fleming of the "Baltimore Sun" went the award for reporting on national affairs; to AP's Daniel De Luce, for reporting international affairs; and to Paul Schoenstein, city editor of the "New York Journal-American," for local reporting.

The "Kansas City Star's" Henry J. Haskell received the prize for distinguished editorial writing; Clifford A. Berryman of the "Washington Star," for cartoons. Frank Filan, of AP, received the award for war-front photography for his "Tarawa Island." Earle L. Bunker of the "Omaha World-Herald," for news photography on the home front.

In the field of literature, Martin Flavin's "Journey in the Dark" brought the \$500 prize for a novel; Stephen Vincent Benet's "Western Star," for poetry; and "The Growth of American Thought" by Merle Curti, for history. "The American Leonardo, the Life of Samuel F. B. Morse" by Carleton Mabey, received the biography award.

"Oklahoma's" Best Bet

Composer Howard Hanson was awarded the prize for "distinguished music composition in the larger forms of music" for his Symphony No. 4, Opus 34, while the musical show "Oklahoma" received an award which, it was stated, took the place of that usually given for an original American stage play.

Soldiers in Italy Worship At 'Church Around Corner'

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY.—The Little Church Around the Corner is the small Valdesse Evangelical Church half a block from the headquarters and billets of Transportation Corps units stationed here. The Little Church's pastor, English-speaking Achille Deodato, offered its facilities to American troops as soon as Allied landings penetrated to the town.

Brig. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., and Chaplain (Major) Richard L. Alexander were drawn to the church by the unmistakable friendliness of the Rev. Deodato. With him the chaplain planned services, in addition to the regular Italian services, for the Americans. Prayer meetings, in which British Tommys participated, were begun and on Christmas Eve, 66 American and English

soldiers filled the little Italian chapel to sing carols and carry out the religious rites of the day.

The Little Church Around the Corner offers American troops, for the first time since they have been overseas, a regular place for worship. Pastor Deodato and Chaplain Alexander officiate over four services, three of them in English, each Sunday. Organists are T/5 Herbert J. Wigley and Pvt. James W. Allerdise, T/5 Roger G. Anderson and Pfc. John B. Myers also assist at the services.

General Gray, a regular attendant of these Anglo-Italo services wrote of them to Brig. Gen. William R. Arnold, chief chaplain, "I have just returned from a service at the church and I am still under the spell of the delightful interlude that it was from the hurly-burly life."

'Go West Young Man, No, Go East'



At Your Service

Q. What kind of discharge certificate does the Army issue?

A. Honorable discharge (white), discharge (blue), and dishonorable discharge (yellow).

Q. How can one get an honorable discharge button if he has never had one? If he loses the one he had, can he get another one?

A. Discharge buttons for World War I service may be secured by application to the appropriate military or naval headquarters, Washington, D. C., or when available in stock from military and naval installations, except ports of embarkation.

For World War II service applications may be made in person or by letter to any military or naval installation except port of embarkation. Discharge certificate or other documentary evidence of service should be presented.

Q. How can one apply for vocational training? If he has been discharged as a result of contracting malaria in the service, is he eligible under what conditions?

A. Application for vocational training is filed with the appropriate regional office of the Veterans Administration. Service incurred malaria may or may not constitute a vocational handicap requiring retraining. Ordinarily it may be assumed that chronic malaria causing impairment of general health constitutes a vocational handicap.

Q. What should a man do to get a job after he is discharged from the service?

A. If employed at time of entry into service make application to former employer, or consult employment member of local draft board and the local representative of the U. S. Employment Service.

Q. Does a former taxi driver have to get a new license when he is discharged from the Army? If none are being issued, is he out of luck? Can a local Legion post help him in such an emergency?

A. Licenses for taxi drivers are controlled by local regulations or ordinance. For exact information it is necessary to contact the appropriate municipal officer having jurisdiction. Representatives of the local American Legion Post may be able to help.

Q. If a man was wounded and didn't get Purple Heart, what does he do to get one?

A. Application for Purple Heart is made to the headquarters of the appropriate military or naval service, Washington, D. C. This may be by letter, giving complete service record and stating incident upon which application is based, that is, wound or commendation by commander-in-chief, AEF.

Q. Are there any jobs to be had in the Veterans Administration? To whom do you make application?

A. The Veterans Administration has many vacancies, both clerical and professional. For exact information write to the manager of the appropriate regional office of the Veterans Administration or to the Director of Personnel, Veterans Administration, Washington, D. C. Civil Service status is required.

Q. What Civil Service preference does a veteran now have? Is there similar preference in states for state civil service jobs?

A. Persons honorably or satisfac-

torily separated from the armed forces of the United States are given 5 points in addition to earned ratings in Civil Service examinations.

Persons honorably or satisfactorily discharged who have a service incurred disability or who are 55 or more years old and entitled to pension because of disability are given 10 points in addition to the earned ratings.

Under some circumstances height, weight and other physical qualifications may be waived.

There are also preferences in appointment, in reduction of employees and for reinstatement in Civil Service after discharge.

Many states also grant preference in Civil Service or other state employment to veterans; if interested in a particular state please advise us and information will be secured.

Q. Does the National Service Life Insurance provide any relief for the policy holder who becomes disabled and is unable to pay premiums?

A. Yes, premiums are waived under certain conditions when the insured is continuously disabled for a period of six months or more.

Q. Can premiums be waived on U. S. Government Insurance while the man is in a hospital?

A. Yes, if he is being hospitalized for a service-connected disability.

Q. May a man in the service carry both U. S. Government Life Insurance and National Service Life Insurance at the same time?

A. Yes, but not to exceed a total of \$10,000.

Q. How are the premiums for both types of insurance paid?

A. Direct to the Veterans' Administration, or by allotment of the soldier's pay each month. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the Treasurer of the U. S.—not the Veterans' Administration.

Q. Can a veteran be paid full insurance total permanent disability benefits and disability compensation or pension at the same time?

A. Yes.

Letters

Gentlemen:

Several of us have been returned from the Pacific and European theatres for air cadet training. When the cadets were cancelled we were classified as to ASF and AGF and shipped to Camp Shelby, Miss., and scattered all over the 69th Infantry regardless of our ASF classification.

We should like to know why our classification as to ASF and AGF and our MOS classifications were ignored if the ground and service forces are in such crying need of experienced and trained men?

Before we left our air base we were assured by the Air Forces that we would receive a square deal from the Ground Forces. As far as we can see all the Army has done to reward us for our overseas service of from 19 months to four years is to give us as dirty a deal as possible.

Although we were trained in other branches we are supposed to be able to step in the Infantry and hold our ratings. We doubt it.

39 Disgusted GIs
Camp Shelby, Miss.

Gentlemen:

Here is one for your complaint column.

Three hundred dollars is provided for 60 days or more of service, plus foreign service. We can't understand why the same bill provides \$200 for soldiers with 60 days or more service, but no foreign service.

We have been here at the front risking our lives 24 hours a day for days at a time. We who live among bullets, shell fragments and lice, and whose lives are in jeopardy all the time are worth only \$100 more than the soldier in the States!

Do the boys in Washington think a soldier is a laborer and should be paid accordingly? We are trained to be a part of a perfect fighting machine. A specialist in any trade receives good pay. Maybe we are specialized killers, but we are killing to preserve our country, yet we are worth only \$100 more than the soldier who stays in the States.

We who are doing the fighting have no say in the matter. A war production plant at home can go on strike for higher wages and get them, while we can't even make a request. Even now we wonder just what we will get after this war. Will it be a repetition of the last war?

S/Sgt. Murray Daniels, Sgt. John Mitchell, Pfc. Martin Bullard, Pfc. Raybern Pierce, Pfc. Patsy DaPonte, Pfc. Joseph LeSage, Pvt. John Cord.

Somewhere in Italy.

Gentlemen:

As it seems that a bunch of fellows are doing a lot of griping about being sent from other outfits into the U. S. Infantry, this letter is to stand up for the old Queen of Battle.

One letter in the April 22 issue of Army Times was really a sad bunch of words. It was from a former ASTP student. He couldn't understand why he was sent to the lowly Infantry when he signed up for the glorious Air Forces.

Just where does Pvt. J. H. think we would be with out the AGF? Sure, it's tough getting into something rugged after taking it easy for so long, but the day is coming when the AGF objector will be damn proud to be a part of the outfit he is now in (if he can stick it out!).

Just where does Pvt. J. H. get the crazy idea that the U. S. Infantry is a lower branch of service than the Air Force? I wonder what the result would be if he visited any one of our fronts and made such a fool statement to the boys who are really chasing Hitler all over hell and back!

In closing I would like to say that the Infantry, along with the AGF, is the best branch of service there is.

Pfc. Ben E. Golbe
Hq. Co., 2370 Inf.
APO 417, Camp Shelby, Miss.

Gentlemen:

In the April 15th issue of Army Times I read with pleasure your article on the "26th, Yankee Division." However, I would like to bring to your attention an omission of a former YD unit which is now fighting in the South Pacific.

I refer to the 182nd Infantry Regiment, formerly a part of the 26th Division, now a part of the Americal Division. It took part in the battle of Guadalcanal and is now with the Americal in the Bougainville campaign. Also, I would like to add that the 182nd is the oldest active military organization in the service of the United States, having recently celebrated its 30th birthday.

If it is possible to print a history of this splendid organization, I am sure that the boys over there would greatly appreciate it.

S/Sgt. Edw. Pratt
Co. H, 394th Inf.
Camp Maxey, Tex.

Infantry's Tough Veterans Agree

WASHINGTON — Though their thoughts will scatter them too far apart to swap stories, all of the men who are coming back from combat duty for rotation furloughs and reassignment will agree on two things: that the Infantry's tough, and that each had some mighty exciting experiences.

Sold on the Infantry is 1st Lt. Wilford W. Bookman, of Brooklyn, N. Y. "When an objective has to be taken, it's the guy with the bayonet who has to do it—and he has to be plenty tough. My job was to lead men for the ordeals ahead of them and to test every man before he went into action to be sure that he not only could 'take it,' but that he knew his weapons and could use what he fired at."

Cpl. Mark H. Wood, Waggoner, Third Division Infantryman, would agree that the doughboy has to take it. He did. During its landing in North Africa his transport was torpedoed and sunk. Fortunately, the troops were already aboard the ship, but the boat carrying Wood was first swamped by the high waves, then its motor quit. Just as the motor started again, a shore battery sent a shell through the stern of the boat and those on board had to swim the rest of the way, carrying full equipment and rifles.

The fighting in Italy reminded Lt. Laurence W. Marzler of the penny arcade he used to operate in New York because there was plenty of excitement. An automatic rifleman in the 36th Infantry, Private Marzler landed under fire at Salerno. "I could put that show on in a penny arcade, I'd make a million," he said. "Four tanks were waiting for us at Salerno and it was pretty heavy going for awhile, but we got it all right." Later he saw the bombing of Cassino Abbey, "And what a show that was!"

Wearing the Purple Heart for a wound received at Salerno, Pfc. Ernie G. Moore, of Old Glory, Tex., is spending his rotation furlough with his parents. "I thought I had an Oak Leaf Cluster for my Purple Heart," he said in recalling the day at Cassino when German 88 smashed his bazooka and filled his foxhole with rocks, "but, actually, I didn't have a scratch."

T/5 Finis E. Taylor, of Marlin, Tex., also a wearer of the Purple Heart, is unwilling to leave war entirely behind him even in furlough. He is making an urgent plea for his back home to keep up their blood donations.

These advertisements and posters showing the medica giving plasma

5th Inf. Mothers Selected by Unit To Be Entertained

INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. — Mothers living east of the Mississippi of the 95th Division enlisted men will be guests of the Division for a special Mother's Day celebration May 12-14 by the 95th's chaplains and special service sections.

Last Sunday, men in each of the Division's seven units dropped slips with their mothers' names into the ballot boxes placed in each unit chapel, and a drawing was later held to select one mother for each unit. Winners were notified by telegram that they had been selected and that the organization would provide transportation to Indiantown Gap for them.

An extensive program has been planned for the Mother's Day weekend. Events include a tour of the post in jeeps, a review in honor of the mothers, dinner with the WAC detachment, a dance at the sports arena, a radio broadcast, and a concert by the 95th Division band and glee club.

Another Star For Three Generals?

The White House announced today that the Senate had received from the President recommendations that two officers of the Army be given temporary promotions to the rank of Lieutenant General, and one to Major General.

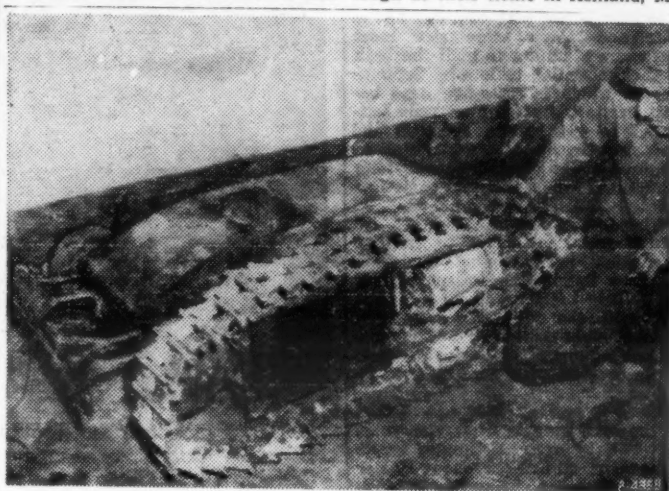
The list of officers, with home addresses, follows: To be Lieutenant General (temporary), Army of the United States: Maj. Gen. Lewis H. Breton, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Maj. Gen. Barney McKinney Giles, Mineola, Tex. To be Maj. Gen., Brig. Gen. Richard Quesada, Mitchell Field, Long Island, N. Y.

General Giles is Deputy Commander General and Chief of the Air Staff, Army Air Forces. General Breton is Commanding General of the U. S. Army Ninth Air Force in Great Britain. General Quesada is Commanding General of the Ninth Air Force Command in Great Britain.

from a bottle hanging from the butt of a rifle stuck in the ground are true to life," says Corporal Taylor, himself a medical aid man with the 36th Infantry. "I've given plasma that same way dozens of times, and the lives your blood saves there can't be counted."

Equally exciting, but perhaps not so dangerous, were the adventures of 1st Lt. Alphonse F. Lucier of Portland, Me. Lieutenant Lucier

was recovering from an appendectomy in a hospital in North Africa when he fell in love with, and married, his nurse. After he was released from the hospital, Lt. Lucier went into combat as platoon commander of an Infantry rifle company; his wife resigned her commission and returned home. The Luciers — together with their 6-week-old son, are spending the furlough at their home in Ashland, Me.



NICK-NAMED the 'Doodle Bug,' this remote controlled German explosive carrying device is being examined by T/Sgt. Ian MacDonald, Buffalo, N. Y. It was discovered burned out 150 yards from German lines by an American patrol and carried back.

Radioed Warnings Sent By Eleventh Armored Soldiers

CAMP COOKE, Calif. — Far Eastern nationals in Japanese occupied countries were warned to stay clear of Jap military installations and pursue a policy of passive resistance to the enemy, in radio transmissions made here this week for shortwave broadcast to the Orient by the Pacific Bureau, Overseas Branch of OWI.

The certainty of Allied bombing of Jap objectives and the promise of eventual freedom from Nipponese rule were held out especially to Chinese and Filipinos in native tongue messages recorded for OWI broadcast by 20 Eleventh Armored Division soldiers and Filipino troops quartered here, all of them either natives of the Orient or competent linguists in their ancestral languages.

The radio transcriptions, part of OWI psychological warfare with emphasis on civilian morale in occupied countries, were made by Merton Bories, writer-producer of the San Francisco branch office, who has incurred intense Nipponese displeasure because of successful exposure of Jap propaganda methods.

Identity of broadcast subjects was not revealed due to fear of enemy reprisal against relatives and friends of the men, although several boldly spoke their minds to their families. All urged those in Jap infested territory to accept their present plight calmly and promised early release from captivity. They stressed United Nations unity, especially the American doctrine of racial equality, pointing out that at Camp Cooke, thousands of soldiers of different nationalistic strains all work, train and

play together constantly and successfully.

Thunderbolt Division transcriptions, said Bories, will be incorporated in many of the 600 Far Eastern radio programs broadcast weekly from the OWI's Pacific Bureau — programs sending messages of hope to captured peoples and reviewing progress of the war truthfully, in an effort to counteract Japanese propaganda claims. These messages are beamed to listeners in virtually all Far Eastern countries and OWI has positive knowledge they are received with enthusiasm, said Bories. He cited one recent instance in which a Chinese medical student in occupied China spent \$30 to get a message out of the country via the underground, telling of reception of Pacific Bureau programs with advice as to possible frequency change improvements. This letter took three months in transit, but finally reached Bories' desk, he said.

Filipino soldiers, attached to 2d Hq., Special Troops, III Corps, spoke English in making the transcriptions for their fellow nations, because Tagalog and other Filipino dialects are not in universal usage. The broadcasters, two of whom escaped from captured Manila on a hospital ship under heavy bombing, used fictitious names for obvious reasons, some of which were naively humorous — such as "Sgt. San Luis Rey."

Sgt. Joseph E. Priest, of Ashdown, Ark., saved his platoon from a trap laid by Jap snipers at Arawe, New Britain, and then was saved himself by his 20-year-old brother, William.

Gum Beating!

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky. — Newest high in GI efficiency occurred at Camp Campbell when a rookie private, assisting the Supply Sergeant in the supply room of the Headquarters Detachment, 1580th Service Unit, instructed to reclaim all GI articles from a group of soldiers who were leaving the Army because of physical disability, asked one soldier if he had turned in

all his equipment. When the soldier admitted that he had, all but his false teeth, the rookie proceeded to collect the teeth, and a spare denture, besides.

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Voting Machinery Is In Gear

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Thirty-one million application forms for state absentee ballots have been ear-marked for the Army alone.

The Federal War Ballot Commission has emphasized it will do its best, so far as state and Federal laws permit, to see that every serviceman is advised of his voting rights and receives every opportunity, not inconsistent with military requirements, to cast a valid vote.

Postcard Application

The commission expects to have sent to every service man and attached civilian overseas a postcard application form for a state ballot by August 15. By September 15 the commission expects application cards to reach all service men stationed within the continental United States.

These postcard forms constitute valid applications for absentee ballots in most states. However, in a few states whose laws prescribe special application forms the cards are being treated as requests for such forms.

The form of the postcards was prescribed by Public Law Number 227 which became effective April 1.

The Army Quiz

1. An entirely new type of Naval vessel has been developed during the present war. Is it—

- A. The corvette?
- B. Landing craft?
- C. The airplane carrier?

2. The invasion of western Europe is likely to be launched somewhere between Jutland and the border of Spain. Approximately how many miles of coast line are covered in this area?

- A. 600?
- B. 1,500?
- C. 2,300?

3. United States Naval patrol planes, as you know, are called PBVs. The British frequently use the letters PBI in referring to one section of their army. Do you know what they stand for?

4. The American First Air Commando Force has been in news dispatches recently as having done excellent work. Is it operating in—

- A. The South Pacific?
- B. Russia?
- C. Northern Burma?

5. RAF Liberators were reported to have effectively blocked Axis traffic on the River Danube two weeks ago. Did they do this by—

- A. Blowing up dams?
- B. Dropping mines?
- C. Destroying canals?

6. You probably have read, or heard the lines following:

Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward,
Into the valley of death
Rode the six hundred.

But do you know why they were associated with certain war operations in one of the combat theaters during the past two weeks?

7. In the list of official Army abbreviations the letters "sd" appear. Do these stand for—

- A. Same date?
- B. Signal Detachment?
- C. Special Duty?

8. Five years ago a prominent man, now a war leader, said: "I am now 50 years old, and I would rather wage war now than when I am 55." He celebrated his 55th birthday the other day and is waging war. Is he—

- A. Tito, of Yugoslavia?
- B. Adolf Hitler?
- C. Prime Minister Churchill?

9. Gurkhas, Goumiers and Maoris have all been mentioned in news dispatches as taking part in combat on the Italian front. When the war is over these troops will go home to New Zealand, French North Africa and Northern India. Can you tell which will go to each place?

10. "Merrill's Marauders," are a detachment of jungle fighters, including veterans of Buda, Munda and Guadalcanal. They have been in the news during the past month. Are they fighting—

- A. On the Cassino front?
- B. In New Guinea?
- C. In Northern Burma?

(See "QUIZ ANSWERS," Page 18)

without the signature of the President. The act directed Army, Navy and War Shipping Administration to facilitate the making of applications for ballots, delivery and return of ballots, and ordered that applications and ballots should be transported via air mail, postage free.

Voting Procedure

For most servicemen the procedure for voting will be as follows:

They will fill in the postcard forms as soon as possible, mail them postage free to the Secretary of the State of their respective states and wait for a state absentee ballot. This they will mark and return air mail postage free. Servicemen from about half of the states will be permitted

Italian PWs Now Man Harbor Craft

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Italian prisoners of war, loyal to the cause of the United Nations, are going to get a chance to strike a blow for liberty by forming an Italian Harbor Craft company, according to an ASFTC memorandum of April 11.

The first Italian Harbor Craft company, Transportation, was activated here April 1, 1944. Personnel in this Italian Service unit are not ordinary prisoners of war in that they have sworn to serve faithfully under the Articles of War of the United States. They volunteered for this duty and are qualified in terms of experience and background, as well as in attitude, to assist effectively in defeating our common enemy.

Co-operation and mutual respect between Allies constitute the foundation for successful operations. These Italian nationals are thus entitled to the same consideration given to our other Allies.

All personnel at this training center were enjoined to assist the 1st Italian Harbor Craft Company to achieve that high degree of training and effectiveness expected of other units at this center. Relationship between personnel serving here and members of this unit will be the same as that between members of the armed forces of the United States and those of our other allies.

\$653,800 Muster-Out Pay Given To Veterans

WASHINGTON—The Army has paid \$653,800 to 3,345 honorably discharged personnel or to their eligible survivors in the first 12 weeks of operation of the new "muster-out

Eight Soldiers Become Citizens Under Enemy Fire

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—The eight men in the room of the war-battered farm house stood quietly, with their right arms upraised. Enemy shells blasted the ground a few hundred yards away, shaking the foundations of the house. No one moved, as the man before them calmly continued to read the oath.

Soon it was over, and eight soldiers became, under fire, citizens of the Nation in whose Army they served. The eight 45th Division Infantrymen included veterans of two landings in Sicily, of the Battle of Bloody Ridge, and of two landings in Italy. Now they stood on the Anzio-Nettune beachhead, and became citizens before Thomas S. Estes, of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

They were the remaining eight of the 15 soldiers of their regiment who were not citizens. One had died on the battlefield, six others were in hospitals. Most of them had lived in the United States as long as they remembered, entering the country with their parents shortly after birth.

Flew Through Air—Woke Up in Hospital

WASHINGTON—Pvt. John Tozser was pinned down in his foxhole by enemy artillery fire at El Guettar in the Tunisian campaign when a shell burst nearby and the concussion sent him through the air.

"I felt like the man in the circus who was fired out of a cannon," he said. "All I remember is that I was flying through the air with the greatest ease—and then I woke up in a base hospital."

to make use of a short-form Federal ballot after October 1, upon a declaration that application was made for a state ballot by September 1, and that none had arrived by October 1.

In compliance with requests of the War and Navy secretaries most states are planning to mail the bulk of their absentee ballots by September 23, which is forty-five days before election, the length of time estimated to get ballots overseas and back. But nearly all are planning to continue mailing out ballots as long after that date as requests come in.

Shifting Personnel

Where military personnel are shifted from one place to another after they have applied for state absentee ballots, the responsibility for getting ballots to new locations rests with the military postmasters. It is thought this shifting of personnel will be one of the major obstacles in the overall plan for soldier voting.

There is already wide speculation on the total number of service votes that will be cast. Estimates range from eight million, or about 80 per cent of those of voting age in military service to a low of one million, or ten per cent of the eligibles.

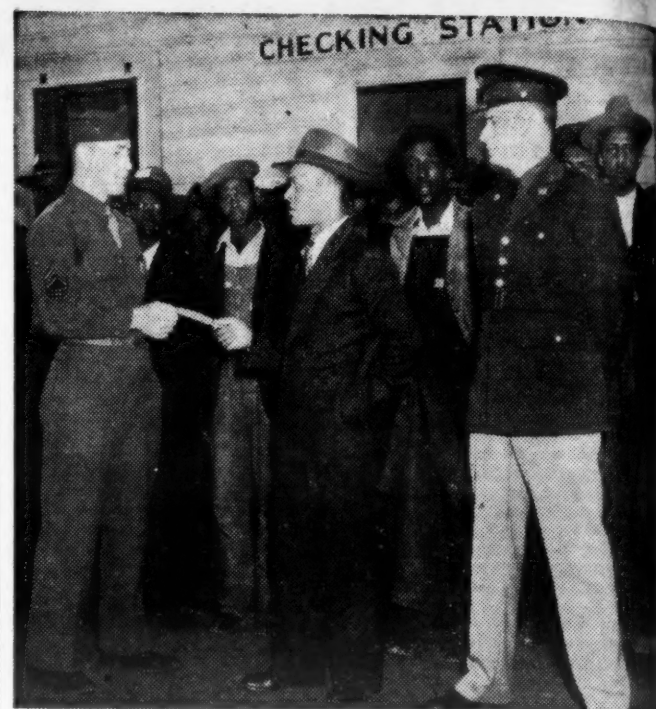
Berlin Writes Fifth Army Song

—Fifth Army soldiers, from the mountains of central Italy to the foxholes of the beachhead, are singing and whistling a new tune.

It's Irving Berlin's latest, "The Fifth Army's Where My Heart Is."

Mr. Berlin wrote the words and music and sang it for the first time at the premiere of "This Is The Army," in a little Italian opera house not far from the Fifth Army's frontlines.

The first night audience, consisting mostly of doughboys who had just come out of the lines, cheered and whistled and almost refused to let Mr. Berlin leave the stage. "This Is The Army" is playing 60 performances for Fifth Army combat troops.



200,000th man to pass through the Induction Station at Fort Benning, Ga., since it opened Dec. 5, 1940, was Isaac J. O'Neal. Chief Clerk Sgt. John Wilson presents O'Neal his induction tag while W/O Pearce Alford looks on.

—Signal Corps Photo.

The 5th Army's Where My Heart Is

Words and music by Irving Berlin

VERSE:

I met her in America
About a month ago
She asked me if I'd give her love
To a certain G I Joe
She said when he returns I'll be his bride,
I asked her where he was and she replied:

CHORUS:

Not the first—not the second—
Not the third—not the fourth—
But the Fifth Army's where my heart is.
He's somewhere on a beachhead
Which must be lots of fun
I can see him in a bathing suit
Basking in the sun.
From a cute Signorina
He's been learning to talk
Like a real native of Rome
I've had lessons quite a few
So that I can "Si-Si" too
When the Fifth Army comes home.
2nd CHORUS:
Not the first—not the second—
Not the third—not the fourth—
But the Fifth Army's where my heart is.
He's living in a foxhole
So this is what I wrote
Don't forget to catch a silver fox
For my winter coat.
From a cute Signorina
He's been learning to talk
Like a real native of Rome,
She's a very tasty dish
But my baby "No Compish"
Till the Fifth Army comes home.
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The Army Press Pickin' Up Papers

Talk about color! The Tyndall Field, Panama City, Fla., "Target" really has it. One of the nicest color photos, and consequently reproductions, that we've seen in some time appears in its April 22 issue. The editors claim it the first full-color reproduction of a natural-color pix to appear in any camp newspaper.

More modestly they state that it doesn't outshine either the efforts of "Vogue" or "Esquire's" Varga girls. While we'll take their word for it, we think their own full-color pin-up girl, "Definitely Not Off Color" is pretty neat. We'd be borrowing the mat if we weren't limited to black and white.

Another cover we liked was the anti-aircraft gunner of a Ft. Ord, Cal., Amphibious Armored group pictured on the front page of that post's "Panorama." Sgt. Joe Hinojosa, staff photographer, is credited with the swell shot.

"The Bombsighter," Santa Maria, Cal., AAF sheet is about to change its name. Occasionally a paper does this when it graduates from mimeograph to printing press, but this is the first instance we know of a full-grown paper doing so. A cash prize is offered for a new title and the editors explain that the change is necessary since the field now trains fighter pilots rather than bomber crews.

A week or two ago, we mentioned a new publication gotten out by the

665th Field Artillery Battalion called the "665th." A three-day pass has been awarded Pvt. William S. Middleton for naming it the "Howitzer Report."

"The Hawks Cry," Tuskegee AAF weekly, has long been one of our mimeographed favorites. Conspicuous for its neat layout and typography, this sheet gets more news of the world into its dozen pages than many comparable papers.

It has an art editor, one Pvt. Bill Chase, who does some very nice sketches. In a recent issue, we lingered over Private Chase's pin-up illustration of the rhyme "What If You do have basis for hating the mug you've got—Pity the gals with two faces, for theirs is a helluva lot!" and his "GI of the Week" feature on the back page cover. The "Hawks Cry" cartoon strip, "Pvt. Snafu" by Sgt. C. D. Nelson is noteworthy too.

Non-GI columnists appearing in recent GI publications are Carl Cammer, "Three Engineers Down Under" and John Roy Carlson, "Enemy in America" in the April 14 Biggs Field, Tex., "Bigstuff." In the Pryor Field, Tex., "Rattler" appears a "Short Order of Beef" by John Kier. Incidentally it's the "Rattler's" first anniversary issue and we'd like to cover illustration—an attractive cover rattlesnake about to cleave one-candle birthday cake.

Sharp-Shooting Yanks Astound Nazi Prisoners

WASHINGTON—Two officers who visited American troops fighting on opposite sides of the globe have returned to this country to contribute their observations to the training of troops in the United States and to report that Germans are amazed at the accuracy of American artillery fire, while Japanese pilots show a healthy respect for anti-aircraft fire from American installations.

Col. M. S. Cralle, General Staff Corps, who spent 10 weeks with the Fifth Army in Italy, said, "Prisoners readily state they have never seen anything to compare with the wide range, fire power and effectiveness of our heavy weapons."

Colonel Cralle praised also the sharp eyes of American rifle and mortar men. He said some prisoners were astounded when two of three Germans were killed and the third wounded at 300 yards by an American rifleman.

On the other side, Col. Fenton G. Epling, Coast Artillery Corps, reported that massed anti-aircraft fire not only deters Jap bombers, but provides a vigorous boost to morale among American troops.

"I saw the faces of a new outfit which had just come to the Cape Gloucester section of New Britain," he said. "Jap planes came over and the men, not yet battle tested, were naturally depressed and somewhat demoralized. Then our anti-aircraft artillery searchlights flashed on and the AA sent up a massed fire. Cheers went up, and from then on the men had no fear of sporadic Jap bombings."

"In general," Colonel Epling said, "the accuracy of the anti-aircraft artillery has been very good."

Colonel Epling also praised the work of tanks.

"Officers have been saved," he declared. "Officers have come to depend upon the armored vehicles to wipe out enemy strongholds such as pill boxes before the foot soldier leaves his fox hole to mop up."

He characterized the Jap soldier as a "stupid fighter who is dangerous because he is fanatically willing to die," pointing out, however, that on several occasions the Japs have fled in terror, particularly from artillery bombardments.

Chaplain In Clink for Unauthorized Mission

WITH THE 14TH AIR FORCE — They probably accomplished as much on their small-fry bombing mission as the B-17's sometimes do; but they're in the clink for their efforts.

When Lt. Warren M. Slaughter didn't come back from a bombing run over Burma, his two buddies, Lt. James M. Gillogly, a Catholic chaplain, and Lt. Henry R. Groce, went out to shed some Japanese blood in revenge. Loading a large home-made bomb, food, jungle knives, and guns into a two-seated cub plane, they concealed their take-off in the dust of a C-45 raised when it taxied down the runway.

At the end of 40 minutes they

hadn't seen anything of Slaughter, but, as they were near the Jap regimental headquarters, they decided to unload their bomb, containing six pounds of TNT, there.

Chaplain Gillogly recalled "We sighted the headquarters and I lit 10 feet above the Jap barracks. We caught a glimpse of soldiers running in all directions. Just as we cleared what resembled the headquarters building I opened the plane door and threw our bomb against the building."

"As we started away the plane slowed down and began twisting sideways. I glanced back and saw my parachute had fallen out and was billowing behind with part of the chute wrapped around the tail of the plane."

"At the same time I caught a glimpse of the entire end of the headquarters building blown to bits and enemy injured crawling out."

They landed the plane at their home base where they were met by troops "who marched us off to the clink."

Between The Covers

Magazines this week seem to be given to biography—biography of American military leaders, some of them on fighting fronts, others division or service commanders in the U. S. There's material to make the enlisted man or junior officer feel he knows his commander in person.

Time's May 1 issue carries a lengthy, extremely interesting blog of Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, "a living official symbol of the principle, proved again in this war, that it is the doughboy who must finally take the ground." West Pointer of the 1915 "generals" class and popular among his men and officers, Bradley's Army career has, like Infantry battle, consisted of grim, hard work and sloughing through.

In 1929 his activities at Fort Benning caught the attention of then Lt. Gen. George C. Marshall; 12 years later General Marshall selected Bradley to convert the Benning Infantry School from a 300-400 student unit to a mass-production training center capable of handling 14,000 officer candidates at a time. In February, 1943, when things were not going too well in Tunisia, General Marshall sent him over to pick up the loose ends.

Holding the Axis on the other side of the world is "Uncle Joe" Stilwell in Burma. The magazine section of the April 30 "New York Times," proclaims this blunt, homespun general. Stilwell, says Tillman Durdin in his wireless dispatch from New Delhi, can call a spade a spade. He doesn't like ceremony or ostentation—once he fled a mirror-lined hotel suite because he couldn't bear to look at himself from so many different angles.

"Uncle Joe" demands a good performance from his men and tells them when they fall down—his reprimands are likely to be followed with a kindly word or two. A deep vein of liberality and tolerance runs through Stilwell, though he can also be unshakably stubborn. The "CBI Roundup," China-Burma-India theatre news sheet, is one of the zippiest, freest Army journals published anywhere because Uncle Joe has issued orders that, barring military secrets, it can criticize anything its editors think needs criticizing in the CBI theatre.

The May issue of "Coronet" carries a salute to Brig. Gen. Albert F. Eegenberger, Chief of Staff of the Second Air Force, and to his humane production line system of processing developed when he was in command of the 21st Bombardment Wing.

Army's Hard-Hitting Carbine Joins Navy

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The Army's hard-hitting carbine has joined the Navy.

Announcement that the semi-automatic carbine, widely used as an invasion weapon by the Army and Marine Corps, is now going to sea, was made today in a Navy Department communication to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, developers of the carbine.

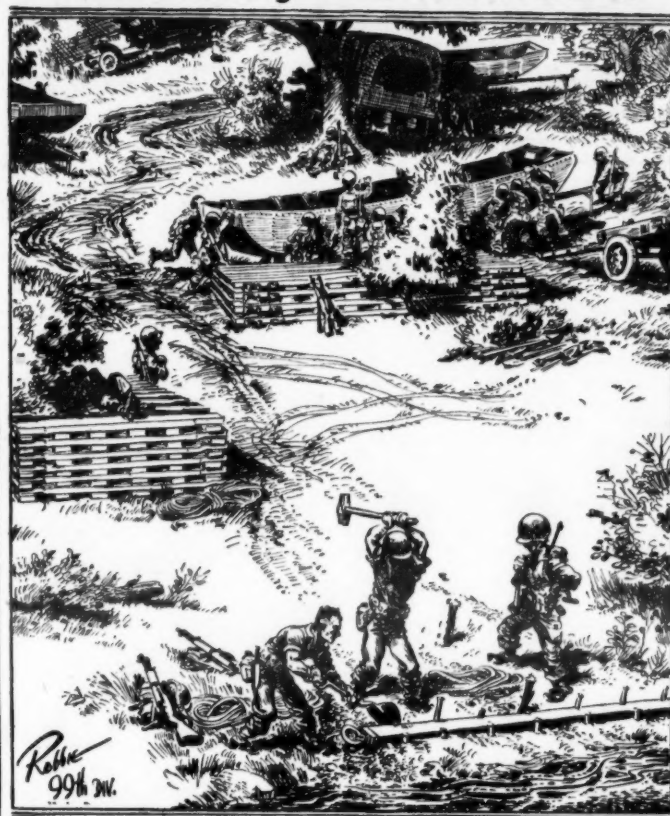
Camp Davis Borrows 'Terrain Room' Idea from Fort Sill

CAMP DAVIS, N. C.—A novel training aid, housed in a converted mess hall designated as the "Terrain Room," has just been completed by officers and enlisted men of the Gun Department of the Antiaircraft Artillery School. Officer students will use the training aid to acquire experience as artillery observers in preliminary class room work before firing the "90's" at Fort Bragg's field artillery range.

Plans were obtained from Fort Sill and the training aid was constructed along the same basic lines with necessary minor adjustments to allow for the AAA problem. The so-called "Terrain Room" contains a simulated countryside and village which is somewhat along the lines of the old miniature golf courses. Scaled to represent a square mile of terrain, the simulated area is raised in the air by means of four poles at each corner, so that the observer, seated on a platform, will get the effect of a real landscape. It also permits an attendant to stand beneath the surface and operate controls.

Students are perched on a raised platform and are equipped with binoculars so that minute objects can be spotted with ease. Then, in this position, they direct the gun fire by signalling the attendant, who, by means of a control and the use of a smoke pot, can cause a smoke burst to appear at precisely the spot at which the observer directed. To give the whole affair a more realistic touch, a sound device simulates the roar of the gun and the whining of the shell as it supposedly passes overhead. Then a fraction of a second later, a smoke hit will appear on a spot in the terrain. From there, the observer notes through his binoculars whether the burst was "over," "short," "left," or "right" of the objective, and relays this information to the control man, who makes the necessary corrections for the next round.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



A PLATOON of Engineers is preparing to throw a bridge across a stream somewhere in the battle zone. Though they are not directly under fire from the enemy, which makes it necessary for them to work at night, they are in the battle area and have made a number of mistakes which may prove costly. Can you find the mistakes before checking the answers on this page?

AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY GROUND FORCES—The 19th General Staff course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., will begin early in June, it was announced at headquarters. Army Ground Forces, this week. With the beginning of the 19th session the class will be organized to provide instructions in infantry, armored (including tank destroyer), airborne and antiaircraft.

Col. Charles C. Blanchard, FA, representative on the Army Ground Forces board in the Southwest Pacific area, held conferences this week with officials of this headquarters.

T/Sgt. Charles E. "Commando" Kelly, of the 36th Infantry Division, and Lt. Ernest Childers, of the 45th Infantry Division, who have been awarded Congressional Medals of Honor, appeared as guest speakers on two nation-wide radio programs last week. Sergeant Kelly appeared on "We the People" program and

Lieutenant Childers appeared on the "Report to the Nation" program.

CAVALRY SCHOOL—Maj. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett, commanding general of the Replacement and School Command, Birmingham, Ala., addressed officers of the cavalry school staff and faculty on observations he made during a six-weeks tour of duty overseas.

Another cavalry school speaker was Lt. Col. S. L. A. Marshall, GSC, who gave the officers of the staff and faculty an eye-witness account of reconnaissance troop action in the Kwajalein assault.

Lt. Col. Harvey M. Hopp, Inspector general of this command, has left for a new assignment.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTIAIRCRAFT COMMAND—A conference of officers, recently assigned to this command, was held here last week to discuss problems incident to the preparation of antiaircraft artillery units for overseas movements. Phases of supply and training matters were discussed during the conference, which was convened to facilitate arrangements in connection with POM activities for AA units undergoing combined training with elements of the Army Air Force.

ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL—Three antiaircraft artillery officers received presidential citations for the excellent work they did in breaking up Japanese strafing raids over Port Moresby during the Papuan campaign in 1942. They are Maj. William A. Smith, Maj. William H. Lindsey and Capt. Mike Y. Hendrix.

Among the recent visitors at the AAA School were Brig. Gen. George A. Badger; Col. E. B. Walker, editor of the Coast Artillery Journal; Col. Harold Johnson and Lt. Col. D. B. Johnson, of the antiaircraft branch, G-3 section, headquarters, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C., and Lt. Col. John D. Cone, of the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER—The Ecuadorean minister of national defense, Gen. Alberto Romero, visited the armored school, where he witnessed a demonstration of a reinforced armored battalion in attack with joint air operations and an exhibition of obstacle driving.

Brig. Gen. Edwin E. Schwein has relinquished command of Combat Command A, of the 8th Armored Division, for a new assignment. General Schwein is a graduate of American service schools and France's L'Ecole de Guerre. He served in the last war and was decorated by Poland for his part in the American-Polish relief expedition.

Col. Riley F. Ennis, formerly with the Army Ground Force headquarters, has been named commander of Combat Command A, of the 12th Armored Division. Colonel Ennis is a graduate of several service schools, including the command and General Staff School and the Army War College.

Three officers of the 20th Armored Division were recently transferred to military posts not yet disclosed. They are Lt. Col. W. A. Bailey, Lt. Col. C. A. Keltner, and Lt. Col. Maurice F. Brothers.

Lt. Col. Edgar W. Schroeder, commanding officer of the 26th Tank Battalion, of the 16th Armored Division, has left his command to assume new duties at another station.

HEADQUARTERS, THE ARMORED SCHOOL—Appointment of Lt. Col. John L. DePew as executive of the armored school was announced recently. Colonel DePew, a West Point graduate, has been with the school for two years, having held the posts of chief of training film section and director of the reproduction department.

Capt. Frederick D. Rivchun has been appointed director of the clerical department, succeeding Capt. Robert T. Hultson, who has been enrolled in the armored school's officer advanced infantry course.

Lt. James F. Card became the new director of the reproduction department recently, succeeding Col. John L. DePew. Lieutenant Card was a production engineer for a printing company before his assignment to active duty.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER—Col. David A. Taylor, who served overseas with the 1st Armored Division, recently became the new ARTC executive officer, succeeding Col. Harvie R. Matthews. A West Point graduate, Colonel Taylor returned to ARTC in September, 1943, after serving in Ireland, in the North African theater of operations and in England.

Picture Puzzle Answers

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Beachhead Rest Center Gives Yanks Chance to Really Rest and Bathe

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—It's not fancy, as rest centers go. There are no imposing buildings, no ping pong rooms, no pretty Red Cross girls to talk to about home. There are no souvenir shops, nor sightseeing tours. But a soldier can rest, really rest, and get clean for a while. That makes it wonderful.

Two days and a night spent in a "quiet" spot on the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead is scarcely a vacation with pay. But for men who have been fighting continuously for weeks, fighting a smart, determined

enemy in rain, mud, and cold, living on "C" and "K" rations, rarely washing or changing clothes, seldom getting an uninterrupted night's sleep—to them, this "rest center" set up within sound of enemy artillery, is a bit of heaven.

By rotation, troops take turns in it. One correspondent has said that a combat soldier soon gets to look more like a hobo than any mother's son. That's what men coming into the center look like. But immediately they are issued complete new uniforms, with no red tape—no questions asked and no forms to complete. Four barbers work all day chopping off whiskers and hair that has flourished untended for weeks. Buddies scarcely recognize each other when they step from the chair, it has been so long since they've seen each other clean-shaven.

A shower unit has been set up, and hot water and towels are provided. A man can take as many showers as he wants—he can stand under one all day, if he likes.

Somehow, somehow, someone manages to get excellent food to the center, food that soldiers in the line have almost forgotten. There's lots of it, plenty of thick, man-sized steaks, for instance.

There are movies, too, all day long and every night—the newest of musical comedies with hundreds—count them—hundreds of pretty girls. The performance is continuous and open until there are no more customers.

Except for walks to chow, the showers, or the movies, there is little else to do but sit around in the sun, reading mail, writing letters, or talking. The chaplain's phonograph is hooked up to a public address system and the latest in jive is in the air most of the time. A band sets up for a concert from time to time.

Two days and a night is a short time, but it's a long time and a good time to the Infantrymen and Artillerymen and Engineers who leave it refreshed and ready, once again, to hit the mud.



'ANGEL' of the Dead End Kids to millions of movie goers, he is now Pvt. Robert Jordan, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Germany Has Lost the War Stalin States

MOSCOW—May Day passed for the third year without the traditionally colorful Red Square demonstration and festivities which mark May 1 as Russia's most celebrated event of the year.

Highlight of the day was a proclamation issued by Marshal Stalin declaring that Germany has already lost the war. The proclamation paid tribute to victories of the past year and called for smashing blows from both east and west.

American and British troops are holding the front against the Germans in Italy and are diverting a considerable part of the German forces from us, said the Premier. "And they supply us with very valuable strategic raw materials and armaments and subject to systematic bombing military objectives in Germany, thus undermining the military power of the latter."

The Red Army leader asserted, however, that the Red Army's successes would have been wiped out by the first serious Axis counterblow if the troops "had not been supported from the rear by the whole of our Soviet people and by all our country."

Mr. Stalin's proclamation stated that it was difficult to count on the governments of the Nazi satellite countries to break with Germany. "The sooner peoples of these countries break with Germany and stop supporting the Germans," he said, "the more they can count on the understanding of the democratic countries." Mr. Stalin emphasized the rapidly growing power of Soviet industry.

Foxhole Derby

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Pvt. Sebastian Testa believed a man's foxhole was his castle, until a bumptious enemy shell beat him in a race for his own.

Private Testa, with an anti-aircraft battery on the Anzio beachhead, was working near his gun when a German artillery barrage began dropping high explosives near him. He set out on a run. As he neared his foxhole he heard an ominous whistle behind him. He dived.

A rude "swish," and the shell plunked between his legs and into the foxhole ahead of him. It was well enough mannered not to explode, however, and a pair of torn trousers, Private Testa in them, was the only casualty.

AAF Openings for CAA Pilots

WASHINGTON—Additional opportunities to be commissioned pilots have been extended by the Army Air Forces to men who were instructors and trainees in the recently discontinued Civil Aeronautics Administration—War Training Service flight instructors program to the instructors in AAF Civilian Contract Pilot Schools and to civilian instructors engaged in the CAA-WTS College Indocination Program, the War Department revealed recently.

The AAF action eliminates the requirement of Army Enlisted Reserve status in the eligibility for assignment and training. This requirement previously was a barrier to many of the individuals affected by the discontinuance of the CAA-WTS program. The action taken also offers the privilege of examinations for possible ferry pilot assignments to the former trainees under the CAA-WTS program, the majority of whom, however, have logged an average of only 85 to 200 hours on low-horsepower aircraft.

The trainees and instructors now are being reexamined by 45 AAF boards of officers to determine how many can meet the qualifications for assignment to training for Air Transport Command pilot, Aviation Cadet, glider pilot, aviation technician and gunner. The boards have been instructed to accept as service pilots all who have 1,000 flying hours, 200 of which are in aircraft of 200 horsepower or more; can pass the Army Class 2 physical examination,

and can pass comprehensive flight tests in basic type Army trainer.

The four categories of personnel involved in the program, and the opportunities which are now available to them, follow:

(1) 4,822 CAA-WTS students training to be civilian instructors in AAF primary contract schools. Of this number, 4,687 are enlisted reservists on active duty, and 135 are enlisted reservists not on active duty who were discharged. This group may volunteer for training and service with the Air Transport Command, for aviation cadet training, for glider pilot training, for technical training or gunnery training. Of the 4,687 enlisted reservists on active duty, 974 already have been qualified for aviation cadet training for combat aircrew work, 651 for glider pilot training, 2,618 for technical training and 310 for other specialist categories.

(2) 899 CAA instructors in the instructor training program, of which 615 were enlisted reservists in the AAF. All of this latter group of instructors have the opportunity to volunteer for aviation cadet, glider pilot, and ATC training and service. Of these, 146 have been accepted by the ATC, 103 are being processed by the ATC, 5 have requested certification to the ATC, 270 have been found not qualified for the ATC, and 91 have been re-employed by CAA-WTS in their other activities. Under the AAF action announced, the 284 non-reservists now are eligible to volunteer for the ATC if they can

meet the requirements. The 270 men found not qualified for the ATC still will have the opportunity to volunteer for aviation cadet and glider pilot training, technical training and gunnery training, as will the non-reservists.

(3) 2,836 civilian instructors in the AAF Civilian Contract Pilot Schools and 3,046 civilian instructors in the CAA-WTS College Indocination Program, all of whom will be offered the opportunity to volunteer for the ATC, for aviation cadet training, for glider pilot training, for technical training and for gunnery training.

'We're Braggin' Scores Hit At Soldier Show Conference

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—The Fort Bragg Soldier Show Conference came to a hilarious climax and termination last night with two showings of "We're Braggin'," an impromptu production with an all-soldier cast.

Over 50 different units from Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base, Seymour-Johnson Field, Pope Field, and Fort Bragg were represented at the conference, the total number attending exceeding by far the attendance at similar conferences held on other Army posts.

Highlighted by the comic antics of Lt. Andrew "Bud" Jacobsen, master of ceremonies and card-trickster, the show presented a soldier chorus skit, comic ballet, singer, marionettes, accordionist, tap dancer, beauty contest, glee club, impersonations, jitterbugs, magic and comic skit. Music was furnished by Sgt. Wilson and his 100th Division orchestra.

Coached the first day by a nine-man conference team sent out by the Entertainment Division of Special Services of the Army Service Forces, the officers and enlisted men representing the 50 armed units were supplied with a bag full of stage tricks of all types. Cigarette tobacco glued to the face to make whiskers, large lard cans converted into spotlights, rain troughs made into border lights, wigs and costumes made from scrap paper . . . are only a few of the lessons taught at the conference to make soldiers self-sufficient in entertainment.

Hilarious applause greeted every contribution in the show and insistent demands were rewarded by encores of the volunteer-entertainers. Especially fine was the marionette performance by Sgt. Alan Davis of Fort Bragg's Military Police Detachment. His dolls performed Russian,



TWO BIG GUNS which faced each other on the U. S.-Nazi front are compared at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The first captured Nazi 170-mm. gun (left) is outranged by the American eight-inch mobile gun (right) more than two miles. The American gun also propels a projectile weighting nearly twice as much as the Nazi projectile. The photo below shows how much larger the eight-inch (200 mm.) shell is than the one fired by the 170-mm. gun.

—U. S. Army Photos.

Chaplain Relates Plasma Wonders

NEW YORK — A letter received recently by Maj. Gen. Robert C. Davis, executive director of the New York chapter of the American Red Cross, from Chaplain Frederick P. Gehring, USNR, written "Some-

where in New Guinea," shows vividly the vital role being played by blood plasma in that area.

"It was my privilege to be with our Marines through the days when Guadalcanal threatened to become another Bataan," Chaplain Gehring wrote, "I have held in my arms battered bodies of young marines whose American blood was gurgling through their lips or oozing through their tattered uniforms. I doubted that they would live. But somehow, after our Medical Corps men carried them back to our field hospital, they survived, thanks to the miraculous transfusion of blood plasma."

"Thousands of our men are dying on the battlefields of the world," the letter continued, "But hundreds of thousands will not die and many of them will owe their lives to American folk who unstintingly give not only their dollars, but also their blood."

Chaplain Gehring told of an incident at Guadalcanal when a 19-year old Marine gunner was brought in to the hospital, telling of the terrific battle 16 battered American planes had gone through with a large force of Jap zeros. "For God's sake send more planes," the wounded man cried, "we must hold them off." But the doctor who was attending him turned quickly and shouted "Blood, more blood."

General Davis noted that the chaplain's letter should inspire American men and women to keep a precious flow of life-giving plasma moving to the front. "It should inspire them to give again and again until victory is ours."

Motheritis!

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT — There must be a missing link somewhere because Josephine, love-starved pet of the Panama Coast Artillery Command, is currently bestowing her maternal attentions on a jungle-born kitten. Josephine herself is a widowed African baboon.

The strange story is an old one to Cpl. Norman Mosher, Josephine's guardian. A year ago, the baboon adopted a kitten; now she and her first foster-child scrap over the attentions of the 1944 kitten.

"If anyone thinks power politics is bailed up," says the bewildered corporal, "he ought to observe the complications of the animal kingdom. It beats me."

New Commander of 20th Armored Division Trains

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Lt. Col. Val Hakanson of Kansas City, former well-known banking figure there, has been named trains commander of the 20th Armored Division, the office of Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Allen, division commanding general, announced.

Colonel Hakanson has been previously the G-4, division supply and housing officer, since activation of the 20th March 15, 1943.

It's Done With a Mirror!

OGDEN, Utah—Bullseye! A new sighting device has been constructed at the Utah ASF Depot for the training of military personnel in target practice. The object of the device is to increase the proficiency of sighting and aiming in rifle shooting.

The device was constructed at the Motor Vehicle Section under the supervision of Maj. Robert M. Hal-lam.

In 1907 Colonel Winters originated

the device but the idea was not put into use until recently.

The device is 3 feet high and 12 feet long and is equipped with a stationary rifle, the bullseye, and a mirror. The bullseye is 20 feet from the sight, or a distance of 10 feet to the mirror and 10 feet back to the target. The rifle and bullseye are at the same end, with a mirror at the opposite end of the apparatus. The bullseye is 1/3 of an inch in diameter and is situated on a board in line with the mirror. There are two boards placed at either side of the mounted rifle, enabling either a left-handed or a right-handed person to operate the device.

The old method required two persons, one at the rifle and one at the target to mark the bullseye when the rifleman had it in sight. In both methods, the rifle is stationary and the bullseye movable.

However, with the Winter's Sighting Aid, as the new apparatus is called, one man can operate the sighting and marking. The operator moves the bullseye into view of the sights and when the bullseye is in direct line he marks the spot with a pencil on a sheet of paper on the board opposite the bullseye.

Good-Looking Girl Cooks Suggested as Mess Improvement

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind.—If only dreams came true, Army mess halls would be extolled to the high heavens in the near future. Seemingly impossible, the Camp Atterbury "Crier" uncovered this astounding possibility in a recent KP-Glamour Contest.

"What one thing could be done to eliminate all mess hall gripes?" a question of universal interest to the military, was put to four KPs in an Engineer Battalion. First prize (10 theatre tickets) went to the private who looked at the problem from several angles and offered as a solution, "Have some good looking women as cooks." Under these conditions, KP would no doubt be more pleasant while the cooks could serve burned beans daily and yet remain popular.

Another gripe-ending suggestion was: "Have special menus for each meal, with various choices, as in restaurants," bettered by the third KP's proposal: "Have the Army issue meal tickets—good anywhere."

Final idea was: "Have steady KPs at all times—no changing around."

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In Celebrating Fourth Birthday 11th AF Makes 1500-Mile Over-Water Combat Flights

WASHINGTON—Striking with increasing regularity across a 1,000-mile ocean reach to Japan's North Kuriles, personnel of the United States Army Eleventh Air Force this spring are accomplishing the longest over-water combat missions in the history of this war as one means of observing the AAF's fourth anniversary on April 14 in Alaska and the Aleutians, the War Department announced.

Airmen of the Eleventh Air Force, who fly the 1,000 miles across the International Date Line to bomb and scout the first Japanese homeland attacked since the raid on Tokyo in 1942, and then fly back another 1,000 miles to return to their weather-beaten Aleutian bases, have added a fourth brilliant year to military aviation history in the Arctic.

First AAF Pioneers

The daring of the Eleventh AAF airmen themselves is responsible for their ability to join with other Allied air arms in closing against Japan, but their successful record to date in halting the earlier Japanese attack against North America, and later driving the enemy from

the Aleutians, was made possible by the first AAF pioneers who came to the far north to test their equipment under unknown conditions.

While AAF cold-weather tests were made in Alaska as early as 1939, first detachments from Wright Field laboratories arrived April 14, 1940, to begin first Air Corps activity. One Air Corps officer and two enlisted men, on August 12, 1940, were the first Air Corps personnel assigned to the Alaska Department, (then the Alaska Defense Command).

Col. Everett S. Davis (then a Major) headed this vanguard of the Eleventh Army Air Field, and he and his two assistants began forming the plans for the organization first known as the Air Force-Alaska Defense Command, then the Alaskan Air Force, and finally, the U. S. Army Eleventh Air Force.

On February 21, 1941, when a fighter squadron arrived, the new Air Force left the paper stage and became an actuality. Two days later, on February 23, eight more AAF units had arrived, and this growth continued until October 17, 1941, when the strength was so great

the infant organization was named the Air Force-Alaska Defense Command.

Formally Organized

On January 15, 1942, the Eleventh Air Force was formally organized under Maj. Gen. William O. Butler.

During this organizational period, especially after war started, the northern air arm patrolled the northern reaches of the American continent, growing as it patrolled. Bases dotted the Alaskan mainland and more were established along the Aleutian chain, forming a cold trap for the Asiatic enemy, Japan, then intent on an invasion of the North American continent through the Aleutians.

The Japanese finally came through the Aleutians on June 3, 1942, with an attack on Dutch Harbor. Elements of the Eleventh Air Force, in coordination with United States Naval Forces, repulsed the attack. Some of the AAF planes came from secret AAF Aleutian bases.

It was at this time that the repulsed Japanese staggered back to the Western Aleutians to Kiska and Attu.

The Eleventh Air Force immediately began attacking the Japanese at his bases on Kiska and Attu, or wherever else he could be found in the Aleutians, and so effectively attacked his line of communications, including supply vessels, that his Aleutian forces were practically cut off.

During the early days of this campaign, combat crews of the Eleventh Air Force introduced many new types of equipment and tactics against the Japanese. One of the first American Air Forces to meet the enemy in this war, these fliers introduced the P-38 Lightning fighter, and on June 11, 1942, Eleventh AAF B-26 Marauders first applied the theory of deck-level bombing which subsequently was adopted by other Army Air Forces.

Meanwhile, Eleventh AAF fighters and bombers continued to attack the Japanese on Kiska and Attu whenever there was a hole in the clouds, and often when there was not. These fliers, using the Kiska volcano to gauge their bombing runs, probably were the first airmen in the war to bomb through the overcast, an important factor in lowering the morale of Japanese on Kiska.

During the Aleutian campaign, elements of the Eleventh Air Force dropped 6,773,070 pounds of bombs on the enemy; shot down 65 enemy fighters and bombers; destroyed 22 enemy fighters on the ground or afloat; sank 15 enemy vessels, and damaged 31 enemy vessels.

On July 10, 1943, a force of heavy bombers of the Eleventh Air Force took off from a base east of Kiska, bombed the enemy on Kiska and continued westward. It landed at a far western Aleutian base, took on more bombs and fuel, and then proceeded westward again to give the Kurile Islands their first bombing. The force attacked the Paramushiro-Shimushu installations, composed of an army staging area, cannery and naval base. The raid brought about the organization of the Eleventh AAF "I bombed Japan Club."

WACs Made General Clark 'Spruce Up'

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY—Presenting himself as an example of a GI who had "spruced up" since the arrival of the 59 WACs who serve in Italy, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark also presented them with a Fifth Army plaque.

"I am noted for impatience over the phone," the general told the girls, who were smartly lined up on a wind-swept, muddy field, "but I admit I pipe down considerably when I hear one of those courteous voices."

General Clark told the WACs that he hoped many more American women would enlist in their corps. "I am delighted to tell you how proud we of the Fifth Army are of the fine job you have performed." He recalled how unhappy many of the girls had felt when the Army left them behind when it moved on to invade Salerno. "But when we captured Naples we showed how we felt by sending for you," he concluded.

Aleutian Veteran Reassigned

FORT SILL, Okla.—Col. James R. Wheaton, a veteran of the Aleutian campaign where he was a force executive officer and recipient of the Legion of Merit, recently took over the duties of Director of the Communication Department of the Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, succeeding Col. Ralph R. Mace.



JUNGLE warfare is tough, grinding and wearing on the soldier but GI Joe can never be kept permanently depressed. Taking a short break these soldiers in Arawe, New Britain, get a kick out of a bit of recorded swing.

—Signal Corps Photo.

War-Time Odessey

Mother and Nine Kids Follow Daddy to Camp

CAMP KOHLER, Calif.—Traveling half way across the continent is no mean accomplishment in these days of congested conveyances, but when you add the handicap of nine children, the feat becomes almost miraculous.

Pvt. Elwood Wheatley, his wife, and nine children, and Camp Kohler's Chaplain P. A. Eades were the principals in a human interest drama last week—with the whole coast as a stage.

The fact that the Wheatleys employed no covered wagons or hand carts in their pilgrimage to papa, from Hazen, Ark., to Sacramento, detracts not a bit from the pioneering spirit of their adventure.

Inducted last November, Wheatley spent two months at Camp Robinson, Ark., then came to Kohler. He admonished his family to "stay put" on their little farm near Hazen, but a few days ago he received word that they were packed and headed west.

"Don't Discourage Me"

"Don't discourage me, Chaplain," he pleaded, as he excitedly told Chaplain Eades the story. "Everything will turn out fine."

Chaplain Eades wasn't sure, but he went right to work.

Surprisingly, he found a vacant house near McClellan Field, unfurnished. The job of rounding up beds, furniture, blankets, cooking utensils, and dishes was nearly completed when word was received that Mrs. Wheatley and her youngsters had been put off the train at Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles traffic agent responded graciously to Chaplain Eades' urgent request that the family be entrained at once. Taking Wheatley with him, the chaplain went to meet the train. At the station they found newspaper reporters already awaiting the arrival, and even the red caps talking excitedly about the surprising family about to disembark. But not a

Wheatley showed up.

A checkup revealed that the family had gone to Antioch, Calif., instead, where some relatives lived. Chaplain Eades got in touch with the police chief there, and the ten Wheatleys were on their way to Sacramento in short order.

Meanwhile, the house was nearly furnished, some furniture having been moved from another house, other items purchased second-hand, and considerable equipment donated, including a set of dishes by the chaplain.

Searching for "Daddy"

When the bus bearing the Wheatleys arrived in Sacramento, the youngsters were lined up inside, their noses posted against the windows, bright eyes searching the crowd for "daddy." As they came cascading out of the bus into the arms of the chaplain and their father, they were bundled into a Red Cross station wagon and the chaplain's car, and whisked away to their new home.

The house is crowded with half a dozen single and double beds, but all hands pitch in to do the house work, and all come racing out to meet their father when he comes home for a few hours after retreat. The youngsters, ranging from 1 to 16 years, are as healthy as they are happy.

"They've never had a drop of medicine in their lives," boasts Wheatley.

Worried about the food problem, Mrs. Wheatley packed enough food for the entire trip before they left the farm. The rations expired one day before their arrival.

"We'd have had plenty if we hadn't been held up for a day in Los Angeles," they pointed out.

Entranced with California, they hope they'll be able to stay a while. Wheatley, who can't understand why he was drafted in the first place, is happy to have them near him.

"They won't be taking any boat trips, though," he declares.

WACs Get Snappy O'seas Cap

WASHINGTON—A new summer garrison or overseas cap for wear by members of the Women's Army Corps was announced by the War Department.

The new cap, a distinctly feminine version of the regular Army overseas cap, is made of khaki tropical worsted and was designed by Knox. Smartly tailored along soft lines, it fits the back of the head snugly and comes to a graceful point on the forehead. Caps worn by enlisted women will be bordered in braid of old gold and moss green, the colors of the WAC. Caps of WAC officers will be piped with the same gold and black braid worn on garrison caps of officers of the Army.

The tropical worsted cap will be issued for wear by enlisted WACs with the new tropical worsted uniform recently authorized for summer dress wear. This uniform is similar to the summer uniform worn by WAC officers, the only difference being that the enlisted uniform does not have khaki braid on the sleeve cuff.

A cap of the same design also

will be available in cotton twill for wear with the summer cotton twill uniform for duty wear. A winter version of the new cap also is planned.

5th Army Motor Squad Has Crossed Fingers

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—"The miracle of the Anzio beachhead" is what the men of the Fifth Army's 45th "Thunderbird" Division are calling their mortar squad. For it is this squad, composed of some 80 men and which has faced the Germans in all three of their major counterattacks, that has yet to suffer its first casualty.

They've had ammunition boxes around the guns blown up and have bivouacked in houses that have had direct hits from enemy shell fire, yet none of the men has sustained so much as a scratch.

Their fingers are crossed.

A MOST important Army rule is "Don't tell tales out of school!"



FIRST truck convoy from Camp McCain, Miss., to be entirely manned by WAC drivers arrived at Camp Shelby, Miss., 9 hours later, having covered the 200 miles in shorter time and with a greater conservation of fuel than any previous convoy. There were no accidents. In this photo, discussing the convoy route with Sgt. Ira T. Sullivan, chief dispatcher of the Post Motor Pool are Pvt. Henrietta Renski, Cpl. Sophie Swerdlow, Pvt. Margaret Antieck, Cpl. Margaret Gardner, Pvt. Louise Webb, and Cpl. Mildred Ashworth.

—Signal Corps Photo.

Nurse Really Got Around!

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—With a tour of duty behind her which would put most GI's to shame, Maj. Alice A. Becklen, superintendent of nurses here, says it all started when a sister nurse said, "Let's join the Red Cross and go to war."

They did just that. Miss Becklen twinklingly described her grand entry into the Army Nurse Corps—in the dress of World War I—high-top, pointed shoes, long dress, large umbrella hat—she stepped off the train into deep Kansas dust for her first assignment at Ft. Riley. "I was just a country girl from Red Lodge,

Mont., doing my bit in a big war." From Ft. Riley, I was sent overseas. In 1919, after spending two years in service with the Red Cross, I was transferred to the Army Nurse Corps. Then to Ft. Bayard, N. J.; to Camp Dix, N. J.; to Ft. Totten, N. Y."

From Ft. Totten she went overseas again, traveling through the Panama Canal to San Francisco, then to the Philippines, a vacation trip to Japan and China. Back in the states, she was stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.; Hot Springs, Ark.; Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Ft. Warren, Wyo.; Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco; Walter Reed in Washington, D. C.; Ft. Custer, Mich.; and finally to Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Major Becklen has saved a uniform from each period of service: the blue garb of World War I with cape and high collar, the khaki which succeeded it, the blue of early World War II. Now, she says, "The Nurse Corps is in the olive drab uniform that gives it uniformity with the other Army branches."

PWs to be Housed At Camp Edwards

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Arrangements have been completed at Camp Edwards to house prisoners of war and plans are now under way to build a special stockade for this purpose.

Lt. Col. Victor W. Phelps will be the commanding officer of the organization, which will be known as the 119th Service Command Unit.

A separate contingent of military police has arrived in camp and is detailed to guard the prisoners who are expected to arrive in camp sometime in May.

My Little Jeep!

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY IN ITALY—Fifteen minutes late for a rendezvous with an Infantry unit to lay a road block, Lt. Leo W. French, of Dalhart, Tex., and Cpl. Perry S. Brown, of Lillington, N. C., barreled along a road toward the front. It was night, and dark.

Suddenly a machine gun chattered off to the left and a slug bounced off the officer's helmet. The large, unfriendly shape looming 20 yards ahead of them was undoubtedly a German "flak" wagon. With less thought than motion, the officer shoved the jeep into reverse.

Back it went, careening from side to side. The startled Germans opened fire. An explosive shell hit the radiator, another crashed into Corporal Brown's rifle, swooping wildly across the road.

Corporal Brown was thrown out on one swoop. When Lieutenant French stopped to pick him up he took advantage of the necessary halt to turn the jeep around and then sped safely forward—back to their lines.

Later, they went back and put down the road block.



WAR has its moments of beauty. An AAF Liberator bomber flies above the swaying palms of Makin Island. —AAF Photo.

War Department Issues

Army Hospital 'Do's' and 'Don'ts'

WASHINGTON—The War Department delivered a master stroke of diplomacy and good common sense in one bundle this week with the release of a list of "Do's" and "Don'ts" to be observed by visitors to Army hospitals.

The War Department said the list was issued following many requests. "Return of wounded and ill from combat zones to Army hospitals has brought to the fore the matter of visiting the patients, having them as special guests at public gatherings and staging entertainment in the wards for their diversions," said the statement. "As a guide to conduct becoming a visitor to Army hospitals or a host to the wounded, Medical Department officials have drawn up an informal code of good manners for such occasions."

Suggestions

A digest of the suggestions set forth by medical officers follows:

1. Don't manifest pity for the injured. If you can't face disfigurement without showing reaction, glance out the window until you get control of yourself. Don't look at injuries—look in the man's eyes. Notice that he's glad to be alive.
2. Don't ask how, where, or when a man was injured or the battle he was in when it happened. He may not want to talk about it. Such questions may bore him, or conjure up distasteful experiences.
3. Don't be a sensation hunter. Don't spread your version of what goes on in an amputation ward.
4. Don't criticize the hospital. You are very likely inexperienced at running a hospital and may not understand reasons for certain routine procedures. If you don't understand why certain things are done or "not done" ask for explanation. You'll probably get satisfactory answer.

In addition to its list of "Do's and Don'ts" for hospital visitors the War Department asked outside groups to cooperate closely with the American Red Cross field representatives. Red Cross representatives at Army hospitals have the responsibility of admitting groups for entertainment purposes, the War Department pointed out and often the Red Cross has to disappoint a group when a certain type of entertainment does not fit into the recreational program. "Often, the patients' needs and tastes are in conflict with plans of local groups wishing to present a particular program for the wounded," the War Department explained, asking the public to cooperate with gracious spirit.

Nearly \$1,500,000 Sent Home By Men At Anzio

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—From D Day until April 1, Fifth Army soldiers on the Anzio beachhead in Italy sent home nearly one and a half million dollars in postal money orders, beachhead postal officials declared recently.

Troops have been taking advantage of postal systems which makes sending money home almost as easy as getting paid. All unit postal sections handle money orders and encourage their use.

The War Department pointed out that too often a well-meaning toastmaster at church and social group gatherings entertaining patients from hospitals, introduce, or point out the patients as exhibits, rather than as "guests of honor."

The closing statement of the War Department's release said that social workers in Army hospitals report that there is much more entertain-

ment being offered soldiers than can be utilized. And that some of it is unsuitable and not welcomed by patients. Too, much of the entertainment is not based on the soldier's preference and is often repetitious.

The War Department quoted one commanding officer of a hospital as saying the constant impact of a large number of visitors has a tendency to annoy patients.

Two Years of TCC Accomplishments

WASHINGTON—April 30 marked the second birthday of the First Troop Carrier Command under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Evans. Often known as "Invaders," troop carrier forces fly in the troops which spearhead an invasion. The command is distinct from the Air Transport Command which carries personnel, supplies and mail between theatres.

Beginning with but 50 planes and a handful of fliers, the TCC is today larger than the entire AAF three years ago. The Troop Carriers had to do much pioneering and experimenting. They created their own techniques, worked out their own problems and made many innovations in the field of aviation.

TCC pilots had to learn to tow gliders, drop paratroopers, fly to pinpoint destinations at night and operate at roof-top level. Glider pilots were in addition given commando training because, once landed in enemy territory they had to fight their way back.

Evacuate Wounded

In its less than two years of existence, planes and pilots of the Troop Carrier Command have participated in combat operations in every major theater of war. They have also evacuated more than 200,000 sick and wounded men; in fact, in 1943, the TCC performed 90 percent of this work.

Only a few weeks old in June, 1942, the 60th Troop Carrier Group participated in the first mass trans-Atlantic flight from the United States to England.

From September to November, 1942, the principal duty of the three groups in England was to assist in the training of paratroopers. Then, in November, a parachute battalion was flown the 1,500 miles from England to Oran to spearhead the invasion of Africa. The flight exceeded by 1,200 miles the existing record (the German 300-mile flight to Crete) for airborne invasion. It required a night take-off from England, night formation flying, and extremely precise navigation to cover this distance, longer even than usually flown by heavy bombers.

The 316th Troop Carrier Group operated with General Montgomery's Desert force after Rommel's defeat at El Alamein. They carried supplies forward with the advance and evacuated thousands of wounded. There the first air evacuation system in a foreign theater was established.

Troop carriers made reinforcement missions at Salerno, dropping more than 2,500 paratroopers within a 200-yard to one-mile radius.

In the Southwest Pacific, the TCC

forces have been in operation since the early months of the war. The 374th Troop Carrier Group was activated in Australia from pilots who came out of the Philippines.

In the SW Pacific

During the critical stage of the New Guinea campaign, Troop Carriers flew in a complete Infantry division with all its supplies, including batteries of 105 mm. guns. In the Buna campaign, Troop Carriers

went into combat across the 14,000 foot Owen Stanley range through what airmen speak of as the worst weather in the world and continued to operate with supply missions, especially to advanced and isolated units.

Troop Carriers dropped paratroopers 20 miles northwest of Lae to capture the flight strip at Zab, taking off from eight different fields around Port Moresby.

over. They were at last to be real foot soldiers.

"But today the visions of glory in the charging cavalry or the combat engineers have faded as these former Jungle Mudders see more clearly their new job from the heights of a telephone pole! For now they are members of their new signal corps battalion and their days consist of climbing to the seemingly endless tops of poles and their nights in getting rested up for the next day's climb.

"And so, in spite of being up in the air again, these GIs are happy at their new work as they learn a lesson: The only way to get to the top is to start from the very ground and know the job all the way up."

"They were smiling because at last they were back in the States and those days and nights of 'Balloons up' and 'Balloons down' and tending their 'rubber cows' were

Private Designs Models of Mines

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The craftsmanship of Pfc. John W. Lilja, a tall, red-haired slender chap who until recently was detailed to the AAATC Training Aids workshop, has given thousands of Stewart soldiers an accurate and realistic view of foreign-model land mines they are almost certain to encounter in theaters of operation.

Lilja, who put his civilian sideline of scale-model construction to good use for the Army, made all the models of land mines viewed by troops touring the "booby trap" area on the Post.

A model of the M4 Sherman tank Lilja turned out a year ago was so good that it won a commendation from Brig. Gen. Edward A. Stockton, Jr., Commanding the AAATC. What can be said about all of Lilja's work was mentioned in the commendation: "The model of the tank is strikingly true and accurate in every detail," Gen. Stockton wrote.

Furloughs on Quota Basis For Central Pacific Soldiers

CENTRAL PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS—Troops in this area who have been away from home for two years or more will welcome the announcement this week that Army authorities will shortly announce a limited schedule of furloughs on a quota system.

Since the beginning of the war there has been such a constant stream of troops and supplies into this area that it has been impossible to grant furloughs. There have been a number of emergency furloughs granted and as many sick and wounded men as possible have been allowed to go home, but heretofore

there has not been sufficient room on the ships to permit the adoption of a general furlough policy.

Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, commanding Army forces in the Central Pacific, noted that a quota system of furloughs was being worked out, but that its nature may not be revealed in detail without revealing confidential data on Pacific shipping and the movement of war materials to this area.

"In the past," General Richardson explained, "we could have sent more men to the coast but there was no way to get them back. Under the percentage plan which is now feasible we will send all we can."

10 Months for Brush Off

FORT GREELEY, Alaska (By Special Ghost Writer)—It usually takes 10 months for a soldier in Alaska to get a complete brush-off from the girl back home.

During your first month in camp, her letters are long and tender, salutations ranging all the way from "Dearest" to "Forever Yours." During the next two months they shrink to 4 pages and she starts the process of "brush-off" by telling you how busy she is.

Little by little, in the fifth and sixth months, you notice that those perfumed missives close rather abruptly. But she still calls you "dearest" and your romance-clogged nose fails to smell a wolf.

In her seventh month you go home on a furlough and see her and have a good time together. Her letters to "Dear" Jim just barely crawl in during the eighth and ninth months. And before the signature of these hasty-scrabbles is that significant word, "Sincerely."

And then, about the end of the tenth month, you get a square white envelope. It's her engagement announcement. She's penned a few personal lines which, she hopes, will cushion the shock. She's "so happy," and "knows you'll understand."

You don't say anything when you get the card. You just take her pic-

ture out of your billfold and slide it into the nearest trash can, hoping that none of your buddies can see you.

After a week or two you want to tell someone you got the "brush-off" from your girl. "She's marrying some 4-F, I guess." "Don't worry," yawns a veteran in the next bunk, "they're like street cars, chum, there'll be another coming along any time." "Yeah, sure," you say, but that night you wonder when you're going to get a crack at the Nazis and Japs who really lost your girl.

'Bundles for WACs' Must Be Compact

WASHINGTON.—If your girl, or your wife, or your mother, or even your sister has joined you in olive drab, think twice before the four-color ads lure you into buying her something "fussy." Your WAC, like yourself, is limited by space and by the necessity of keeping her costume within GI bounds.

Man-to-woman all time gift favorites of soap, skin lotion, cologne, or bath powder are swell—better send a hard-water soap, though, and see that the scent is fairly mild.

Stockings, bags and gloves are items rating X's for thanks, too. Make it sheer stockings—Uncle Sam supplies plenty of heavy ones. Over-arm bags reasonably near GI in appearance are more than acceptable—to recipient and inspector!

If you can bring yourself to facing the saleslady in the unmentionables department, ask for some zippy, pink, knitted panties. And, as suppy sergeant doesn't issue dressing gowns any more, a light-weight wrapper might be a good idea—though most WACs wear—and prefer—GI PJ's.

New Guinea Sketches Shown in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Fulfilling a promise made on New Guinea over a year ago, sketches and paintings made with crude materials by American and Australian servicemen while on combat duty, were exhibited here Friday afternoon at national headquarters, American Red Cross.

Guests present included Mrs. Roosevelt, who had seen most of the works while on her tour of the Pacific, Mrs. Joseph Curtin, wife of the Australian Prime Minister, the British Ambassador and Lady Halifax, and Lady Dixon, wife of the Minister from Australia.

The display began as an art contest on the island at an American Red Cross club. The only reward, a promise that the winners would be exhibited in the United States.



"Somehow it is not like the travel poster described it."

Firing Pin, Laundry, Bakery Gear

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy. The term "Field Expedient" is a well-worn one in training camps in the United States, but it really pays off over here. It means, simply, to rig up something to use in place of whatever it is you need, and haven't got.

From the kid with the jalopy to the man with a power lathe in his cellar, tinkers make good field-expedient men, and the American Army is full of them. Witness three examples reported recently:

In the first instance, German artillery had blown up the ammunition dump of an American Infantry heavy weapons company. Counter-fire was essential, but the only ammunition available was that proffered by nearby British troops, requiring a longer firing pin than that of American mortars.

1st Sgt. Chester W. Pastuszynski, and Cpl. Archie A. Berry fashioned a firing pin extension with three copper pennies and a nail, but immediately cast about for something better when they became convinced it wouldn't stand up. Finally, over the protestations of the cooks, they acquired the gas jet from a field range, filed it down, and soon had their mortars lobbing the British

shells into the German lines.

In the second case, as the pile of unwashed clothing for a hard-working Engineer unit grew, it became apparent that a field expedient was in order to substitute for absent laundry facilities. M/Sgt. Theodor Wave, Jr., and T/Sgt. Charles R. Clendenny, already had "field expedient" their unit into ice cream mixers and shower bath, rigged from the cleanings of a junk pile.

The junk pile was still there. This time it yielded lengths of pipe, rubber hose, battered stoves, and—prize of all—a discarded generator.

From this conglomeration—far from streamlined, but functioning—a laundry unit was set up.

In the third instance, a Military Railway Service mechanic stamped out of his usual role to keep a front-line mobile bakery working by replacing a broken fiber gear with a homemade one.

Cpl. Telmo C. Actis, who undertook the job, could find no piece of fiber big enough, so he experimented with putting smaller pieces together. After long hours of tinkering he produced a workable gear. The bakery went back to work.



—Pvt. Chas. Cartwright, E.R.T.C., Ft. Leona... Wood, Mo.

"It's been following me round ever since I got my Good Conduct Medal."

Appeal for Games Made by Legion

NEW YORK. — Advertising Men's Post, No. 209, of the American Legion, with headquarters in the Hotel Lexington, has started a campaign to secure strong crook-handle canes for the wounded men of this war in military hospitals. The first delivery was 205 canes donated by post members.

Cane manufacturers are engaged in other work and there is a string-shortage of canes. Commander Charles E. Rochester, of the Post, has addressed an appeal to hotel men to search store-rooms, attics and closets for sturdy old canes, to ask their permanent guests to do likewise and then either present them to local Legion posts for transmission to military hospitals or send them to him at the Lexington. He has also secured the co-operation of a number of manufacturers whose plants are fitted with public address systems in asking employees to donate old canes.

K-9 Corps Find Casualties, Lead Attendants to Them

CARLISLE BARRACKS, Pa.—A demonstration of one of the latest adaptations of the K-9 Corps, the locating of wounded men on the battlefield, was made to high-ranking officers and permanent officers of the Medical Field Service School here this week.

Under the direction of Col. Frank L. Carr, chief of the Remount Branch of the Quartermaster Office, the dogs roamed through specified sectors, locating wounded who had been hidden in brush, gulleys and ditches.

The dogs, trained for three months, are taught only to report casualties lying on the ground. They wear a special harness with a small Red Cross on each side. The dog detects a casualty by scent and returns to his handler, who ties him to a leash and both go out to the wounded man. Litter bearers follow and carry the wounded back to a battalion aid station.

Another use of the K-9 dogs comes in reports from the South Pacific Islands, where they were used to smell out lurking Japanese snipers. Eight dogs trained at Army remount centers, used in an experi-

ment, led patrols which accounted for 200 Japanese.

The dog and his trainer, sharing the same foxhole, and eating the same rations, usually worked in pairs in advance of other troops.

Still another use for the Army dog is suggested in experiments made at Muroc Air Base, Calif., where "Major," a St. Bernard, has become a "parapooch." The experiments were made to determine whether dogs, with their known ability in lifesaving, could be dropped from planes to carry aid to soldiers stranded on icy wastes.

"Major" has made seven high-altitude jumps using a regular-sized parachute. The dog does not appear to mind wearing a specially-fitted oxygen mask.

Soldiers Risk Lives to Save Outfit's Chow

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Disregard for personal safety that prompted three 20th Armored Division soldiers to plunge into a rain-swollen creek to salvage food for the buddies from an over-turned truck, brought them the personal commendation of their commanding general, Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Allen.

The feat of these men, S/Sgt. Clarence Revers, Pfc. Vernon J. Sewall and Pvt. Claude V. Green, all of Service Company, 9th Tank Battalion, enabled the men of their company to eat a hearty breakfast after many foodless hours during a rigorous tactical problem.

The men were riding in a mess truck during a recent blackout maneuver when the truck plunged off a narrow bridge and overturned in a swift-running stream.

After extricating themselves from the truck and reaching shore, the trio dove back into the cold creek and returned to the vehicle, removing all the mess equipment and food and carrying it to safety.

Having made certain the men in their company would have enough food for a hot breakfast, they helped prepare the meal despite cold and personal discomfort.

Machine Gunner Uses Weapon to Spray 'Em

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY, Italy—Cpl. Boulden Chaney, a member of a frontline unit of the 45th "Thunderbird" Division on the Anzio beachhead opened his eyes one morning and saw two German soldiers walk into his dugout in the side of an irrigation ditch.

Chaney was sleeping near his gun at one end of the shelter and could just make out the Germans, who were ordering his buddy to surrender. Afraid of hitting his buddy with a machine gun, Chaney picked up his rifle and fired at the two figures who retreated into the shadows.

A German assault got underway

a few minutes later and Chaney forgot about his two guests as he caught sight of an infantry platoon coming toward him in column formation down the irrigation ditch. He opened up and fired 250 rounds before stopping to reload.

"I just about had the new belt on," he said, "when I felt a bullet hit my hand. I thought sure it took a finger with it, but I was afraid to look and find out. I just kept working, and when I started firing again I felt great because I could feel every finger wrapped solidly around the pistol grip."

The new belt inserted, he reopened fire by picking the weapon up and spraying it "like a flit gun." Twice he had to stop to throw back grenades that were tossed into the dugout. When the fighting was over the medics came down and carted away only one injured Kraut. "Thirty-five of them," the medics said, "were dead."

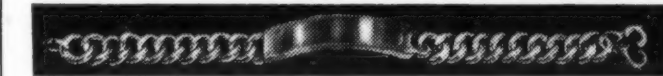
Castles on WAC

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Supplanting Pallas Athene on the lapels of attractive WAC Lt. Florence A. Bellows' uniform are the castles of the Corps of Engineers. Lieutenant Bellows is the first WAC at Fort Benning to exchange the Women's Army Corps insignia for an Army branch insignia. She claims the castles because she is assistant property officer in the Post Engineer Office.

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American Pilots Impressed By Focke-Wulf 190

BUFFALO — The performance of a German Focke-Wulf 190, single-seater fighter-bomber, constructed from the parts of two damaged planes, has impressed Bell Aircraft and AAF Materiel Command pilots.

The fliers cited its rapid rate of roll and ability to do acrobatic maneuvers with a minimum of control stick pressure.

The plane is powered with a Bavarian Motor Works engine of the 14-cylinder two-row radial type, rated at 1600 horsepower. The plane weighs 4 tons, has a 34½-foot wing span and does its most effective work between 12,000 and 15,000 feet.

Two cannons, built into the wing roots, and two .30-calibre machine guns mounted in the fuselage, are electrically synchronized to fire through the propeller.



LT. GEN. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commander of all Army Forces in the Central Pacific area, is shown with the nine soldier boxing champions who were crowned on the final smoker of the big Central Pacific area boxing championship tournament held at Schofield Barracks, Island of Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. More than 13,500 service men and women saw each of the four smokers with an overflow crowd jamming the Schofield Barracks arena on the night of championships.

—Signal Corps Photo.

'No-Hit' Tobin, Scoring Giants Owe Vote of Thanks to Dodgers

WASHINGTON—You've got to score at least an assist to the gents from Flatbush, the inimitable Dodgers, for without their help Jim Tobin, Boston Braves, wouldn't have been able to twirl a "no-hit, no-run" game and the New York Giants wouldn't have been able to set some new records in the slugging and running departments.

The Dodgers started their left-handed contributions to the records when Big Jim hurled his way into the magic circle of pitchers with a 2-0 win.

Tobin's Great Game

In pitching his no-hit, no-run Tobin:

Allowed two bases on balls, one in the first inning, second in the ninth; Allowed only one opponent to reach first base (Paul Waner, twice);

Kept Dodgers limited to six balls hit to outfield;

Hit homer to account for one of Braves' two runs;

Struck out six.

The Dodgers' second epic contribution to the record books was made by allowing the Giants to win a 25-8 contest.

Set New Record

Although the total of 26 runs fell two short of the record set by the Cardinals against the Phillies in 1929, the Giants, by driving in all of their runs set an all-time major league mark, wiping out the former runs-batted-in record held by the Cardinals and Yankees.

By receiving 17 bases on balls, six in one inning which tied another record, the Polo Grounders tied a mark set, curiously enough, by a Dodger team back in 1903.

It might be well to add that the Dodgers beat the Giants in the nightcap of the twin-bill and sent Tobin to the showers the next time he faced them. Anything can happen in Brooklyn.

While Brooklyn was grabbing the headlines in a dubious fashion the Browns and Cardinals were taking a firmer grip on first place and the Browns were setting a new record of their own.

Browns Win Nine

The Browns won nine straight games to break the American League mark for games won at the start of the season and tied the National League mark.

The Cardinals weren't setting any records unless it would be for causing worries among rival managers, who are really giving out with the "St. Louis Blues." Many of them are worried for fear the Cards might nail up the National League bunting in August and take all the pleasure out of the pennant chase.

Six-for-Six

The Washington Senators' new second baseman George Myatt had a perfect day at the plate against the Red Sox and hit six-for-six to equal a modern baseball record held by 23 players.

Jimmy Wilson, Chicago Cubs, caused a good bit of chatter when he handed in his resignation as manager for "the good of the team." After opening the season with a win the Cubs lost seven straight. It must not have been Jim's hand on the brake as they lost three more without a win.

Now Wilson is looking for a job and the Cubs are looking for a manager.

Yanks Look Up

Although the Browns are still on top the Yankees are looking up. Playing in-and-out ball the Yanks

still look the team to beat. Manager Cronin wasn't with the Red Sox line-up so he put in First Baseman Joe Cronin. Manager Cronin is satisfied with First Baseman Cronin—he hit a single and a homer to beat the Senators.

The third-place-tied Cleveland Indians are happy. Manager Lou Boudreau was rejected by the Army because of a bad ankle. Indian Pitcher Mel Harder has only one game

Sergeant Gets Passes to Run

FORT BRAGG, N. C.—Most infantrymen consider M/Sgt. Gordon B. Franks an out-of-this-world character, for this lanky six-striper of the 100th Division's Signal Company here has a mighty weird pastime during off-duty hours.

He runs. And anywhere from 2 to 25 miles, depending on the time he has. But these are only warm-ups and, on weekend passes, Sergeant



SERGEANT FRANKS

Franks runs in bigtime long distance contests up and down the Eastern seaboard. To date, he has won all but one of some 50 10-mile runs and 26-mile marathons he has entered.

His most recent victory was the annual PAAA 10-mile race in Philadelphia, where he became the first man to take permanent possession of the 27-year-old event's trophy, awarded to anyone winning the race for three times. Taking the event in 1942, he broke the race's record last year with a time of 53 minutes, 2 seconds, and this year beat his own record with a time of 52 minutes, 42 seconds.

Both in practice runs and in races, Sergeant Franks uses a stop watch to clock himself on each mile. He's never had any coaching, but he seems to be hobbling along OK without it, thank you.

It will be some comfort to infantrymen to know that, although running races in next-to-nothing is easy, Sergeant Franks admits hikes are tough. That nine-mile job, in two hours with full field stuff, had him on the ropes as much as anyone else, he says.

to go before entering the 200 circle. His seven-hit twirling gave him a 9-4 win and his 199th major league victory against the Chisox.

Connie Mack's A's may never win a pennant this year but they certainly can dampen the pennant aspirations of other clubs.

Hitting Off Key

The Tigers have been unable to get hits when they are needed. The Detroit nine is hitting well but not when there are ducks on the pond. The Chisox have failed to show any of the power their roster indicates.

It's St. Louis against the field in the National League and only Cincinnati is rated much of a chance. The surprising Phillies continue to play good baseball but everyone is waiting for their win-bubble to break.

After a great start the New York Giants have slowed down. Mel Ott's successful physical examination took the heart out of the team. Pittsburgh is starting to roll and may be tough before the season is over while Boston will probably have to point toward Tobin's great game as the season's highlight.

SPORTS CHAT

BAINBRIDGE FIELD, Ga.—How can you score a run without a hit or a walk? According to Dave Lewis, guard squadron shortstop, it's easy. Lewis was safe at first when the catcher dropped a third strike. He stole second and third and then came home on a wild pitch.

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Wrestling fans call him the "strongest man in the Army" and to date, they haven't been proved wrong. Pfc. Eric "Tiny" Holmback has a 56-inch chest (normal), 36-inch waist, 21-inch neck, 20-inch biceps and 310 pounds of muscle.

CAMP McQUAIDE, Calif.—Men at this post aren't exactly snooty about it, but they do get a kick out of the idea of having their own private beach. The beach has been there for quite some time but the necessary gadgets, which give it a society touch, are just being installed.

CAMP VAN DORN, Miss.—For two innings it was a real ball game and then the New Orleans Pelicans got at the offerings of Cpl. Kenneth Clouse, starting 63rd Division hurler. Before he was relieved in the third four runs had scored and the Pelicans went on to an easy 12-0 win.

KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—Discovering "Cinderella Men" of the ring seems to be a habit at this field. The latest attraction is Pvt. Rex Ferro, whose grandfather used to swap punches in the bare knuckle days. Ferro, after a slow start, won the lightweight crown and then weighed his way out of that division. As a welterweight he looks even better.

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Camp Crowder's first Post Baseball team opened its season with a savage 22-hit, 20-2 win over the Tulsa Atlas nine. Cpl. Bill Cox, former Chisox and St. Louis Browns hurler, allowed five hits and struck out nine.

CAMP GRANT, Ill. "Gosh! I never knew there was so much to umpiring," expresses the sentiments of

Stall Walking Occupies Time of Derby Trainers

WASHINGTON—Stall walking is the popular pastime of a very select fraternity as the dates of the big-money races for three-year-olds roll around.

Having conditioned their charges for the Kentucky Derby, with an eye toward the Preakness, the trainers are pacing up and down the barns ever on the alert for any little ailment which might keep their prides and joys from hearing the familiar cry, "They're off!"

Trainers are the unknowns of a track. Few of the mutual-window-improvers-of-the-breed know a

trainer. Those who do usually maintain their contacts in order to ask the \$64 question, "What looks good in the fifth?"

The trainers get their reflected glory in seeing their horses number flash on the "tote" board. They like to see their charges win—but they're satisfied when the horse or a jockey gets the headlines.

In Louisville members of this fraternity are keeping the weather man busy answering their questions. Some want a fast track, others are praying for rain. Only two of the group have ever saddled a Derby winner. Princeton Graduate John Gavin, whose Stir Up is favorite, tightened the girth on Shut Up two years ago. Plain Ben Jones, who is conditioning Pensive, cashed in with Whirlaway and Lawrin.

Some of the others have never had a Derby candidate while others have only dreamed of saddling a winner. They all have their horses in the pink of condition and they all think the wreath of roses will be worn back to their barns.

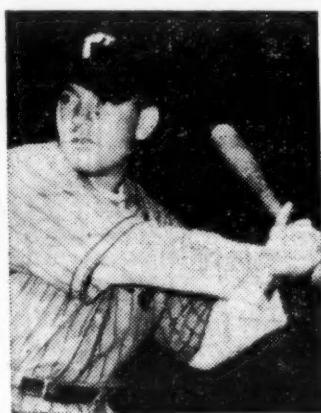
The most cheerful of them all is Whitey Abel. Last Saturday morning he had a horse he believed in but no-one else did. Saturday afternoon he was paging an express man in order to move from Pimlico to Louisville. His Gramps Image, A 29-to-1 shot, had raced home a head winner over Pensive in the Chesapeake.

Gramps Image came again in the stretch to beat Pensive after Calumet Farm horse had drawn ahead. Gay Bit finished third and Stymlie was fourth. Gramps Image returned \$60.10, \$12.50 and \$6.70.

At Jamaica another betting record went by the boards when \$162,310 was bet in the daily double. Double-rab won the Jamaica feature by five lengths over Harvard Square. Eddie Arcaro, who will ride Stir Up, had the leg on the winner.

Wounds Don't Slow Down Vet's Hitting

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Pvt. Bob Montag is reversing the usual procedure of playing ball to get into



PRIVATE MONTAG

shape for frontline service—he's playing baseball to recuperate from frontline service.

Six months ago Private Montag was blown out of a foxhole near the Volturno River in Italy and suffered three shrapnel wounds in his leg.

He's now the regular center-fielder of the 1st Student Training Regiment team in the Infantry School Baseball League. In his league debut, he knocked out three singles in five trips to the plate and drove home three runs.

Hard Luck!

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—Sgt. Curt "Butch" Larson, husky 20th Armored Division soldier, is moaning the hard luck blues this week, convinced the division baseball diamond he tends so faithfully is loaded with dynamite for him.

Early this week, at baseball practice, Larson started to get up to get the first aid kit for a player's scratched finger when another player, intent on batting practice, laid him out by connecting with Butch's head instead of the ball.

Later, Butch was riding the grader over the field when he fell in front of it and suffered a bruised and scratched face.

His third accident of the week occurred when he attempted to extinguish a fire on a beer truck near the diamond. A barrel exploded, showering the long-suffering Larson with splinters.

Frick's Son Likes Almost Any Sport

SHEPPARD FIELD, Tex.—Pvt. Frederick C. Frick, son of the National League President Ford Frick, has completed basic training at Sheppard Field and now is awaiting shipment to gunnery school.

"I like baseball, but sport is my favorite sport," said young Frick, who served with OWI in North Africa and England before entering the service.

Handball Champion

McCLELLAN FIELD, Calif.—T/Sgt. Mal Dorfman, Link trainer instructor at this Air Service Command control depot, added a new cup to his collection this week by grabbing second place in the Pacific handball championship tourney. Dorfman also has to his credit the Sacramento city, San Antonio YMCA, Oklahoma City and Texas state championships as well as second place in the AAU and third in the junior nationals.

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Thunderhead Gives B-24 Crew Topsy-Turvey Ride

WASHINGTON—The story of a B-24 Liberator heavy bomber, caught in a thunderhead which tossed it in topsy-turvy helplessness over the South Pacific, with its crew plastered against the ceiling and with ammunition seemingly floating in mid-air, was reported to the War Department by headquarters of the Thirteenth Air Force.

The bomber was flying in a formation on the way to bomb Japanese-held Rabaul. Suddenly it was tossed upward by a terrific thermal draft at a 6,000 feet a minute rate of climb, although the indicated air speed was only 100 miles an hour.

Then, just as suddenly as the plane went up, it was caught in a violent downdraft and was plunged into a vertical drive at over 300 miles an hour.

When the plane started its dizzy plunge the pilot, 1st Lt. Raymond H. Zinner and his co-pilot, 1st Lt. Donald F. Michael, were jerked out of their seats. Their heads pressed against the plexiglass roof as if they were glued there.

The engineer, T/Sgt. Raymond Belcher, was in the top turret when the plane zoomed upward. The floor, he recalled, literally came up to meet him. A second later—he did not know how he got there—he was under the navigator's table, grasping frantically for a hold against the pull of rushing wind which almost sucked him through a hatch door which had come open.

Other crew members were tossed about, unable to move against the centrifugal force. Earphones were knocked off. Ammunition came out of the boxes and appeared to float in mid-air.

The top hatch door of the plane was blown off by terrific change in pressure. Our bomb-bay door was ripped from its track and dangled uselessly below the plane. A full load of "live" 100-pound bombs with instantaneous fuses hung on their racks. The pins already had been pulled by 1st Lt. Ralph E. Smalley, the bombardier.

As soon as the plane retained level flight the bombardier salvaged his bombs into the water.

BOOKS

BATAAN, THE JUDGMENT SEAT, By Lt. Col. Allison Ind. (The Mac-Millan Co., New York City. \$3.50.)

Colonel Ind landed in the Philippines in May, 1941, six months before the Japs arrived; he left 11 months later, literally in the baggage van of the MacArthur exodus. "Bataan, the Judgment Seat" is his account—almost a diary—of these world-shaking 11 months.

He found Manila lethargic and tranquil—the peaceful "nineteenth hole" for Old Army officers sweating out careers until retirement. All too clearly seeing what was to come, Ind with a few other live wires labored untiringly to awake the Brass Hats and prepare for the inevitable.

From December 8, 1941, when the Japs first struck, until he left in a dangerously overloaded old Bellanca, Colonel Ind kept a full diary, probably more as a mental exercise than for any hope that it might some day prove useful. He saw the destruction of airfield after airfield, experienced the uneasy feeling of fifth column signal rockets exploding mysteriously under his very nose, kept a tragic running score for our gallant, pathetic little Air Force. On Bataan, he watched the forward line retreat and retreat, pulled in his belt notch after notch.

Though they realized on Bataan that rescue for all personnel was utterly impossible, radioed speeches from the States to the contrary, says Ind, "Two things make us mad: (1) flamboyant talks about how much money has been appropriated . . . (2) a roaring imbecile of a Congressman telling the world we should bomb Tokyo off the map. With what? Thousand-dollar bank notes?"

The now famous men of Bataan—MacArthur, Wainwright, Capt. Dyess (who survived the March of Death and escaped to tell), Colonel George—march through the pages of Colonel Ind's diary and grow in stature as one reads of their courage and integrity while stalling off surrender until the last possible moment.

"Bataan, the Judgment Seat" is a ringside seat to the preliminary bout of the Greatest Fight in History, as close as a non-combatant can get to the real thing. Furthermore, an understanding of the early stages of the Pacific War, as clearly set forth in this book, affords deeper understanding of the latter phases.

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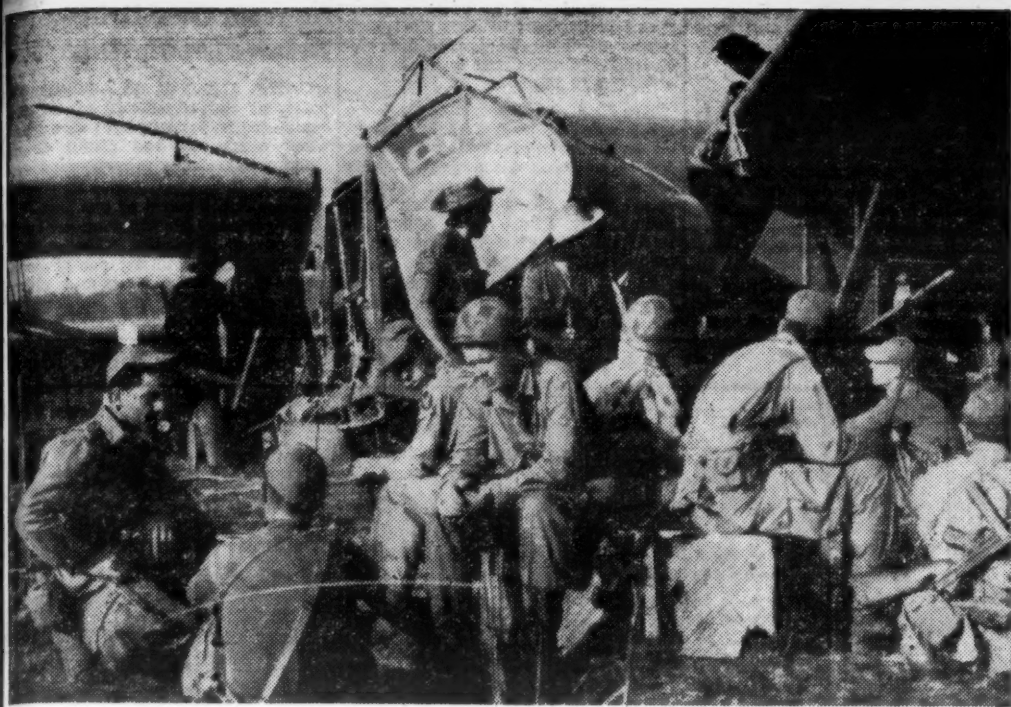
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These Troops Helped Carve an Airstrip in Northern Burma —AAF Photo.

First Air Commando Force Hit 'Em Where They Weren't Lookin'

WASHINGTON—The story of the First Air Commando Force, the unique AAF organization which carried Allied troops over the Japanese lines in Burma to carve air bases out of the jungles and set up a stronghold deep in the enemy's rear, was told last week by Col. John R. Allison, who has been associated as deputy commander with Col. Philip G. Cochran in the organization and operations of the group.

The British expedition into Burma, led by Maj. Gen. Orde C. Wingate, in the spring of 1943, demonstrated that long range penetration columns could operate behind Japanese lines for weeks at a time, supplied only from the air. From this came the idea of an air-borne invasion of Burma, which was discussed and decided on at the Quebec Conference.

Brief Instruction

Gen. H. H. Arnold, head of the AAF, brought the air phase of the undertaking from Quebec and summoned Colonels Cochran and Allison to carry it out. His only directive was: "I want to see the United States Army Air Forces play a large part in Wingate's coming operations."

Armed with top priorities the two officers set about getting planes and personnel. They planned a force made up of fighter planes, C-47 transports, UC-64 cargo light supply planes, L-1 and L-5 "grasshopper" liaison planes, CG-4A heavy gliders, and TG-5 training gliders. When they reached India they added a squadron of B-25 Mitchell medium bombers.

In the last months of 1943 the nucleus of the organization, officers and enlisted men, a communications squadron, and a small medical unit, took off for India. Rigid secrecy of the plan was maintained everywhere.

In India an air-borne Engineer company and a small detachment from a photo-reconnaissance unit were added.

General Wingate (recently killed in a crash during the operations) selected the points where for strategic reasons he wanted his troops. It was the duty of the Air Commando Force to prepare the landing fields for them.

Plan of Operations

The plan of operations entailed the carrying in of Wingate's troops in Air Commando gliders, towed by transports. The troops were to guard the fields while the airborne engineers put them into shape for

safe landings, using equipment also brought in by the gliders. Following this, the bulk of the troops were to be brought in the Troop Carrier Command.

First operations started in February this year, when the fighter planes and medium bombers ranged all over the enemy country, softening it up for the invasion to come.

General Wingate selected two sites for secret landing grounds, which

the ditches in readiness for the next night's operations. The field was completed by the next afternoon.

The following night 62 C-47 sorties were flown to Broadway by the Troop Carrier Command. All casualties were evacuated by air and the Broadway strip was made a stronghold.

Jap Efforts Fail

Broadway was frequently attacked by the Japs, but remained immune until March 13 when Colonel Allison left the area. The enemy, despite varied efforts, failed to prevent the routine fly-in of supplies by the Troop Carrier Command.

Colonel Allison paints a vivid picture when he says: "No one has really seen a transport operation until he has stood at Broadway under the light of a Burmese full moon and watched Dakotas coming in and taking off in opposite directions on a single strip all night long at the rate of one landing or one take-off every three minutes."

"I am not at liberty to disclose to you how many troops are in this area," Colonel Allison notes, "but I will tell you that there is a strong force there. I visited them in their positions and on every occasion in which they had met the Japanese up to the time I had left they had been very successful. It was their job to strangle the Japanese who were facing General Stilwell on the north and to work down and strangle the Japanese who were attacking the British at Imphal. I know those troops and I know their leaders. They were trained by General Wingate and they are certainly a fine body of fighting men."

"I do not know what the outcome of this battle will be," Colonel Allison continued. "I will say that in this part of Burma we do have complete air superiority. The Japanese are unable to move any form of transportation by daytime without danger of it being destroyed by our airplanes. The troops are being supplied every day with food, with ammunition, and with men to replace their losses. This is all being done by air."

German Jingle!

ANZIO — German prisoners from the 362nd Division reported that this rhyme was "very popular" in their outfit:

The game is up,
The bolt is shot;
First goes Hitler,
Then the lot.



COL. PHILIP COCHRAN, better known as "Flip Corkins" to millions of comic strip readers.

for strategic purposes were called Broadway and Picadilly. D-day was set for March 5. Just a few minutes previous to the first take-off reconnaissance planes brought photographs of the two fields, showing that Picadilly was hopelessly obstructed, with large tree-trunks covering all but a small portion which gave appearance that it might have been mined. So it was determined to send all gliders to Broadway.

Twenty-six transports, each carrying two heavily-laden gliders, left in the first wave. 54 gliders were dispatched that night. Of these 37 arrived at Broadway. Eight landed west of the Chidwin river in friendly territory. Nine other landed in enemy territory. Almost all the gliders were damaged or destroyed in the landing. Thirty men were killed and 33 injured in the landing operations.

That first night more than 500 men were brought in. The Airborne engineers and all other personnel not needed for guard duty went to work clearing the field and filling



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WASHINGTON—The Army Times said it would deliver them for the asking and nearly five thousand GIs deluged AT with requests for "Newsweek's" magazine digest of the war.

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Because of the tremendous inter-

THE TOKYO radio has warned the Japanese people against American propaganda, noting: "We cannot forget, even in our dreams, that there are trickeries in this propaganda."

est already evidenced by GIs the Army Times is happy to have had the cooperation of Newsweek in this spirited venture, and recommends that not one librarian, chaplain, and others dealing with rehabilitation or orientation, miss this powerfully written document.

Sergeant Copies, Improves Fuse

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass. — An example of the skill and ingenuity of the American soldier has been illustrated by T/Sgt. Jimmy Koehler, a member of an ordnance company of the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Training Center, in the construction of a Nazi Anti-personnel mine igniter which is used for instructive purposes.

Working only from a picture of the German-type pressure fuse, known as the S. M. Z. 35, and with-

out the benefit of dimensions, Sergeant Koehler in two days converted scraps of salvaged brass into the desired igniter—then went a step further and improved on it.

The Nazi igniter must first be taken apart to be cocked but Koehler ingeniously eliminated a groove and in so doing did away with this bother of dismantling the contrivance which is approximately four inches long. There were about fifteen different shaped parts to be machined on a lathe.

A resident of Monaca, Pa., the sergeant worked in his father's tool shop before entering the army.

Noncom Class Drills Before Gen. Baylis

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—Seventy-six potential non-commissioned officers completed in initial phase of a nine-week course at the Camp Grant leadership training school.

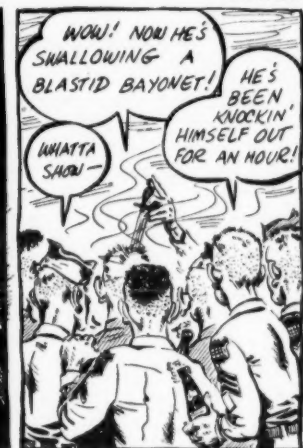
Before Brig. Gen. James E. Baylis, commanding general of the post, the men presented the platoon drill and also passed in review. The general addressed the soldiers, complimenting them for their efforts and citing the importance of the program in which they play a part.

Giggy



Cpl. Art Gates, Keesler Field, Miss.

Private Van Dorn



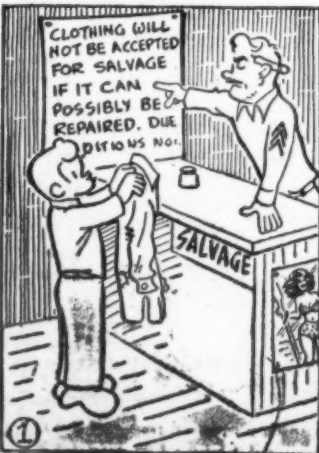
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Give us a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment." General John J. Pershing.

This column the entertainment of the Special Services Division contributes items on soldier shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in the items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in planning your show.

FLUOROSCOPIC FOLLIES

U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, SEATTLE, Wash.—The big hit of the show scored by the nine "X-Rayettes." Such was the consensus of opinion after the all-gob show staged by members of the hospital and patients at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Seattle. Clad in GI uniforms, dog tags, and the midriff protrusion of wraparound X-ray plates, "X-Rayettes" of men fresh from the dark room proved to be the most footed dancers since the girls. The entire show was turned after a three-ring circus side acts that kept the audience laughing in the sawdust. There were stunts, clowns, a tramp bicycle vocal duets, and blackouts—all aided and abetted by the hospital's own band, the "Rhythm Doctors." It was a grand revue, and the high spirits of the patients who saw it attest to the entertainment-plus-therapy value of shows in hospitals.

PRODUCTION HINTS

NEW GUINEA—A recent letter from New Guinea offers an inspiring example of the surmounting of production obstacles encountered in the middle of a combat area. An enterprising enlisted man stationed there and engaged in the work of producing soldier shows made an exhaustive survey of conditions, facilities (or the lack of them), and general problems to be solved. His report furnishes the following practical production hints:

Stage Construction—The importance of a stage cannot be overemphasized. A star like Bob Hope or Jack Benny can stand out in the mud in a muddy field and hold his audience enthralled, but the GI entertainer needs a stage. Experience has proved that a rectangular stage distinctly inferior to one built with angled slight line. By building a stage with a thirty-foot wide proscenium (front opening) and a twenty-foot backdrop (or back wall), all visibility is enjoyed by those sitting on the audience sidelines. Correspondingly, an angled roof, slanting downward from the rear, gives better acoustics than a squared roof. Not only is the covering needed to protect performers and instruments from sudden rain or a drizzle (during which the performance may continue) but to retain the sound from going upwards instead of out towards the audience.

Backdrops—Almost any kind of fabric or painted canvas will do as a backdrop. In New Guinea, Hessian cloth is the most available and economical fabric; but some of the stages there used salvaged canvas, and one resorted to overlapping blankets. The two outer sides of the stage should also be covered in, of course. The New Guinea GI's found kiltcraft (a heavy waterproof paper) ideal for this.

IDEA MART

HITHER AND YON—Novel acts, games, quizzes, and ideas keep popping up in soldier shows at various points about the country. Here are some of the most recent crop of up-pings:

Fort Benning, Ga.—Small prizes are given to the winners of a "rummy" contest. Volunteers, fresh from the audience and the men's powder room (always a hotbed of rumors), are called upon the stage and allowed to spread the latest reports about shipments, D-day, and other military secrets known only to generals and buck privates. The most outlandish and colorfully delivered rumour earns its spinner an award of cigarettes, candy, and other similar prizes.

Boca Raton Field, Fla.—Three acts are brought up onto the stage, where they vie in a weight-guessing contest. The "weighters" are also selected from the audience, with particular care taken to see that they represent a wide range of weightpounds. Each weight-guesser judges the specific gravity of four of the five "weighters." The correct weights are not divulged until all contestants have finished with their guesses, heftings, and guessing. The lad whose guesses most nearly approximate the aggregate total weight of all the "weighters" is adjudged the winner.

ALLIED PLANE production is more than three times that of the Axis. And American and British bombers are smashing up Axis production plants every week.



WACS WILL blossom forth in trim new uniforms this summer. At Bolling Field, Capt. B. L. Goldstein of the Clothing Section of the Quartermaster Corps measures Pfc. Marguerite Liss, while Capt. Corene Brooks, CO of the base's WAC detachment, inspects the fit and feel of Sgt. Virginia Hull's new togs. This ensemble, complete with overseas cap of the same fine worsted material, will replace the traditional OD uniforms now worn by WAC's.

—Pat Sanford AAF Photo.

ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Letters come quickly from the west for Pvt. Philip Seghl, of IRTC Center Headquarters at **CAMP BLANDING, Fla.** A romantic maiden believes in appealing to Uncle Sam's mailmen, and every letter she sends to Seghl carries an appeal like this on the back: "Mailman, please rush this letter. It's to my love."

An Allied plane swept swiftly across the skies while a group of soldiers at **HUNTER FIELD, Ga.** watched. "Could that be a Mosquito?" one of the men asked. Pvt. Albert R. Pope, of Flight "B," Staging Project Detachment, who claims to be an authority on aircraft recognition, took one look. "Mosquito," he commented. "Hell no, that's an airplane."

Pvt. Francis Tann, of **GOODFELLOW FIELD, Tex.** got a letter from his girl at home telling of a new boy friend. Then he learned from other sources not only that his car, which he had left with her to use, was being utilized for dates with the new man, but also that war bonds he had bought and put in her name were to be used to underwrite a honeymoon. The crowning insult came when he wrote the girl asking for an explanation and got a letter from the new boy friend telling him to stop bothering his fiancée.

Eager to promote enthusiasm among the men of his unit, Sgt. Garnard Harbeck, of Company E, 393rd Infantry at **CAMP MAXEY, Tex.** has offered prizes of \$10, \$5, and \$3 for the best essay of 200 words or less on the theme, "Why We Are Fighting."

Life should roll along smoothly for Pvt. William C. Scott, Battery C, 839th AAA Battalion, **FORT BLISS, Tex.** Some months ago he met Miss Francis Jarvis at a roller rink and romance developed. They were married the other evening, at the same place—on skates.

The man who wrote to his draft board asking why he hadn't been called has at last turned up. He is H. N. Manney, III, Virginia Beach, Va. He gets his desire for service honestly since his grandfather was an admiral and his father is a Marine colonel. He is now Private Manney in the radio mechanics school at **TRUAX FIELD, Wis.**

Sgt. Abraham Branhut, of the Field Medical Detachment at **LINCOLN FIELD, Neb.** was seen hurrying into town one evening recently. When his buddy asked him what the rush was about he replied, "Going AWOL. Going after women or liquor."

The governor of Pennsylvania got a letter the other day from Sgt. Herman Sundheim, formerly a lawyer in Philadelphia, who is now in the ASF Service Command Post Intelligence Office at **CAMP STEWART, Ga.** It ran like this: "Though I am not addicted to writing crank letters, I am concerned over the 1944 license plate issued to me, namely '144F.' While I would not approve labelling 4-F's in this manner I believe it extremely unfair in my case." Sergeant Sundheim is still squirming with his 4-F plate.

Pvt. J. F. Paulson, a radio mechanics student at **TRUAX FIELD, Wis.** couldn't get a power amplifier to work, though he struggled with it most of a day. That night he saw the location of the trouble in a dream.

Next morning had the apparatus working in jig-time.

There was a rush of eager GI's to the office of Polar Tech, the post newspaper at **ST. LOUIS FALLS FIELD, S. D.** a week or so ago, immediately after the paper came out. In an effort to renew a casual acquaintance, a 19-year-old girl of Mitchell, S. D., wrote a letter like this:

"One afternoon I met two nice boys from your air base but didn't get their names. One was Nathan, because that is what his buddy called him. One had dark, curly hair and the other had light brown hair. One was from Missouri, the other from Kentucky or Tennessee. If somebody will read this letter out loud maybe they will remember."

Pvt. Joseph Ricciardi, of the 20th Armored Division Special Service office at **CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.** went to a USO dance at Hopkinsville, Ky., and, though his partner asserted she couldn't wait and had never waltzed before, entered a contest and won over 50 other couples. There is a good reason. Ricciardi was formerly an Arthur Murray dancing teacher.

Know Them?

The LOCATORS, Box 537, Fort Leavenworth, Kans. will appreciate any help that you can give in locating the following:

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Mrs. Norman Petrocine (Cora) (Lt., AC).

Quiz Answers

(See "Army Quiz," page 6)

1. B.
2. C.
3. "Poor Bloody Infantry."
4. C. The First Air Commando Group, commanded by Col. Philip Cochrane, has flown considerable forces of British troops, Wingate's Raiders — into Northern Burma.
5. B.
6. The lines are from Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade," telling the story of a fruitless British charge at Balacava, in the Crimean War in 1852. Balacava was recently recaptured by the Russians in their drive on Sevastopol.
7. A.
8. B.
9. The Gurkhas to Northern India, the Goumiers to North Africa, the Maoris to New Zealand.
10. G.

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New Drug May Check Casualties

LONDON—The parade of miracle drugs given impetus by the war has produced another startling discovery which authorities believe will sharply check invasion casualties and reduce the death toll.

Known as Vivicillin 1/8, it is a development of penicillin. Amazed at the results obtained by use of the drug, medical men who made the discovery are extremely well pleased that the new drug can be produced in large quantities at a very low cost.

Doctors working with Vivicillin 1/8 refuse to make extravagant claims for the newest member of the Penicillin family but they have

disclosed that it has already worked wonders with septicemia and hemophilia cases and also in instances

where severe burns endangered lives of patients.

Explaining that Vivicillin was by no means a cure-all, doctors revealed that it had already been used with good results in cases of peritonitis and acute mastoiditis by injection. It was also reported that several cases of infected burns and septic wounds had been treated with excellent results by external application.

Physicians acquainted with Vivicillin 1/8 also have high hopes for its wide use in treatment of civilians because of the ease with which it may be produced. Heretofore, the great masses of the population have not had access to penicillin because of military demands and because of the pioneering in mass production of the drug.

Mail Mother's Day Greetings Early

WASHINGTON — The War Department urged all soldiers stationed within the United States to mail their Mother's Day greetings and gifts at once so that the United States Postal Service may effect delivery before Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14.

With Mother's Day this year holding a deeper personal significance than at any time in the past, the War Department anticipates a heavy mailing of greetings and gifts from posts, camps and stations within the United States.

Elks Fraternal Center Took Care of 5,000

NEW YORK.—The Elks Fraternal Center at Madison Avenue and 39th street, took care of 5000 overnight guests within two and one-half months after it was opened. It is the 114th Center opened and operated by the Elks for service men. The 110 beds available have an average daily occupancy of nearly 100 per cent.

Not all the Elks Fraternal Centers have sleeping accommodations, but nearly all of them have canteen service, game rooms, reading rooms, dance floors and writing desks with free stationery and post cards. Several hundred thousand members of the Armed Forces take advantage of the Elks' facilities every month.

The May issue of Elks Magazine contains two pages of sketches of the New York Center drawn by Marshall Davis, now in the Army, whose sketches have appeared in Army Times.

GI BILL

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ational provisions were made by the House group. Provisions for education of returning veterans would give them a year's education at Government expense with a possibility of three additional years. Originally, the Senate asked for an educational advisory council to be appointed by the President. The House committee eliminated this and placed the question with States and Veterans' Administration.

Deductible from Bonus

Under the present committee measure requirements for terms of service were reduced from six months to 90 days and educational advances also are deductible from any future bonus payments.

One other new feature was added to the measure when the House group voted an "adjusted compensation" for self-employed veterans. This category included doctors, lawyers and farmers who are unable to reestablish themselves immediately. For the latter group adjusted compensation is provided for on the same basis as unemployment compensation. However, the applicant would have to show his income as being less than 50 per cent of what it would be normally.

FURLOUGHS

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provide for travel to and from the port and allow three weeks at home.

The addition of this plan to the return policy of the War Department now establishes three plans under which personnel may be returned to this country. They are:

Three Plans

1. Rotational personnel. That personnel which, prior to return to this country and reassignment, is replaced by personnel of the same grade and military occupational specialty requisitioned from the United States.

2. Officers and men in key positions, returned for leaves and furloughs. While the number returned under this category is included in the quota allotted each theater for rotational personnel, the individuals will not be replaced by replacements from the United States, but will return to their specific overseas duties at the conclusion of their leaves and furloughs.

3. Returned personnel. Personnel returned for hospitalization, for emergency reasons, or for discharge.

At present, not more than one per cent of the military strength of any theater may be returned in any month for purposes of rotation or leaves and furlough. The fact that a man becomes eligible for rotation because of specified service overseas does not mean that he will automatically be rotated.

Expansion Program

CAMP, BRECKINRIDGE, Ky.—WACs at this Army post are afraid they soon may have so many mascots they won't know what to do. Already keeping pet dog and cat, the WACs have been presented with male and female white rabbits.

Air Fleets Pound Europe

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way to Loyang, which is their next objective. Another new offensive has been launched 200 miles east of Chenghsien, obviously with the purpose of getting control of the Chinese-held sections of the Peiping-Hankow railroad. The Chinese are doing their best, but in their war-weary condition and with limited supplies, carry on their defense with difficulty.

South Pacific

In the South Pacific American attacks have been made, with very little opposition, at far-reaching points. Yank forces have mopped up Hollandia, in Dutch New Guinea, after getting hold of the three air fields at Hollandia itself, and another on a neighboring island, thus removing any threat of enemy attack in that area. Reports note 677 Jap dead on Hollandia since the American landing ten days ago. Truk, the Jap naval stronghold,

was bombed on Tuesday, in the second American attack of the campaign. 126 Jap planes were smashed on the ground and other installations badly mauled. Rabaul was visited several times during the week by American bombers. Panay was bombed by United States battleships on Monday. On Wednesday the bombings were extended to Woleai, in the West Carolines, and a Liberator force raided the Schomten Islands.

American submarines have been busy recently in various Jap waters. The week's reports bring news of the sinking of 17 more Jap ships, four of these being war vessels, including a light cruiser and two destroyers. This brings to 695 the number of Jap vessels of various types sunk by subs alone since the beginning of the war.

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